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### Qadhafi 'planned to bomb Crete bases'

ATHENS (R) - Libyan leader Museumar Quelhaft was plant a missile attack against an American base on the island of Crete after a U.S. a missile attack against an American base on the island of Crete after a U.S. air raid on Libya in 1986, a statement by the Libyan embassy in Athens said Toeaday. The statement quoted Qadhafi's address via sanistic from Tripoli to a private conference on peace in the Mediterranean sponsored by a Greek organization in Crete Saturday. "An American military base on the island of Crete was subject to missile bombing by Libya in 1986 when America thought of using it for aggression against our country," Qadhafi said. He said he had warned the Socialist government the ruling Greece of the interestions and nebul methantics to assesse the laboral time times Western his intentions and select authorities to evacuate the island "as it was likely to be turned into a battlefield between Libya and the United States of America." The embassy statement included no explanation by Qudhafi of why the attack was not carried out. Quellass threatened to retaliste against any island in the Mediterranean island, of any country in Europe for the sake of its own security," he said.

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Badran, Klibi hold talks

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AMMAN (Petra) - Her Royal Highness Princess Basma, presideat of Queen Alia Jordan Social Welfare Fund, returned to Ammin Tuesday at the end of an official visit to Indonesia. During the wasit the Princess visited obtained first-hand information on Indonesian women's experience and their contribution to the

said Tuesday it would welcome Iranians to next month's annual pilgrimage to the body cities of Mecca and Medina and remained willing to negotiate over the usue, "We followed with great an announcement by (semor Iranian clerics) Mehdi Imam Jamarani that indirect negotiations on raising the numbers of Iranian pilgrims had failed," the Saudi Press Agency quoted Pilgrimage Affairs and Endowments Minister Sheikh Abdul Wahab Abdul Wasie as saying. "Sandi Arabia welcomes Iranians to perform this year's annual pilgrimage according to the Islamic law and. under its limited quota," Sheikh Abdul Wahab added.

#### Missing lawyer surfaces in France

PARIS (R) - A French lawyer reported missing in Beirut by Lehanese police is safe in Marseilles Lawyer Marcel-Paul Ceccaldi, 43, told Renters he had left Beirut last week several days ahead of schedule. Police in Beirut said Monday they were searching for Coccaldi after he disappeared from his hotel there April 30. Ceccaldi said reports of his disappearance were profession due to the fact that because of his early return to France be missed an appointment with a senior fficer of the Lebanese police who was a personal friend

#### Sudan pensions off senior officers

CAIRO (R) - Sudan's military junta has pensioned off 13 generals and brigadiers in a move said by the government's spokesman to be unrelated to last month's foiled coup attempt. Egypt's Middle East News Agency reported from Khartoum Monday night that the officers included paratroops commander Major-General Salah Al Dawy and the head of the military academy, Admiral Al. Tigani Ali Saleh: The chairman of the armed forces daily newspaper, Major-General Mohammad Osman Malek, was also among those pensioned off, MENA said.

#### **UNRWA** weicomes extra U.S. aid

VIENNA (Agencies) — The United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) for Palestine refrigees has expressed its appro-ciation for an additional \$7 milbon contribution to UNRWA announced by the United States government on Friday. The contribation, authorised by President Bush from a special refugee emergency fund, brings to \$57 million the total U.S. contribution to UNRWA for 1990. It will go towawrds UNRWA's regular budget, which finance education. bealth, relief and social services for more than two million Palestine refugees in Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

### Kohl wants military status agreed

BONN (R) - West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl rejected Tuesday a Soviet suggestion that Germany could be united before the tricky problem of its military allegiance was cleared up. Kohl said Bonn wanted the external aspects of unification - such as a united Germany's memberahip of NATO - settled by the autumn in talks between East and West Germany and the four wartime: victors. "The suggestion of decoupling (external and internal aspects of unification) corresponds in no way to my ideas. It would be fatal," he said. Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze said Saturday solutions to unity problems could be delayed for a few years.

# Firing at royal yacht is most serious,

ominous and inexplicable, palace says

# Agaba incident holds potential of dangerous confrontation - Jordan

Palace spokesman Tuesday confirmed reports that an Israeli navy boat in the Gulf of Agaba fired into the pathway of His Majesty King Hussein's yacht late last month while the King was standing on deck.

"This is not the first incident to occur in the gulf involving the royal yacht, although it is the first to include firing in its immediate vicinity," the spokesman said in a statement carried by the Associated Press.

The spokesman said that the incident took place on April 27 and not as previously reported on

He said Jordan complained to Western countries over the incident and warned that "diplomatic action was taken to draw attention to its extreme seriousness, for it held all potential of developing into a most serious confrontation with untold results."

The spokesman described the

According to the spokesman the incident took place Friday 27, at 4:00 p.m. when King Hussein - accompanied by Their Royal Highnesses Prince Hamzah and Pricess Iman — was planning to

go on a fishing trip. The spokesman said the U.S.built, 54-foot Bertram "Sports Fisherman" left the marina outside the royal residence in Aqaba and was escorted by a Bertram 31 boat carrying security officers.

The spokesman said the King was heading towards Pharoh's Island in Egyptian territory, near the Egyptian resort of Taba. The intention was to proceed

to a point in Jordanian waters just beyond Yamani point before turning westwards towards Pharoh's Island in Egyptian territory... then fishing south of the island before returning to Aqaba," the spokesman said.

He said the King was standing on deck while the boat was still in incident as "both ominous and Jordanian waters and noticed an

"When about a quarter of a mile away, the Israeli boat commenced firing from its main guns in a southwesterly direction,

where water spouls marked the fall of some of the shots," the spokesman said. He said the King ordered the accompanying security boat to return to Jordanian shores and the King's yacht "turned a few degrees eastwards leaving the

Israeli boat further to its starboard as it passed it." The spokesman said that the King "bad decided against turning westwards towards Egypt, since the Israeli boat was still firing sporadically into what

would have been the yacht's

Later, the royal yacht slowed to trolling speed and fishing lines were deployed, when the Israeli boat started chasing the royal yacht and stopped few metres away from it.

"It then increased speed cut-

inside the Jordanian territorial waters, as verified by sight and radar," the spokesman said.

He said the yacht's radar showed the Israeli naval boat to be "within a mile of the Jordanian shore.

The spokesman said Israelis had carried out earlier attacks on King Hussein's yacht.

"In fact several months ago, an Israeli naval boat was on collision course with the royal yacht, forcing it to stop and alter course," be

He said on that occasion a royal European visiting head of state was on board with King Hussein while on route to Pharoh's Island.

"It has not been unusual for His Majesty to bost foreign dignitaries visiting Jordan" on a sea excursion for nearby historical places, the spokesman said.

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# Iraq possesses 'nuclear Crown triggers,' president says about 2,000 Arab delegates meet- companies were accused in the

BAGHDAD (Agencies) - President Saddam Hussein said Tuesday Iraq had acquired a sample of a American electronic device Washington had said could be used as a trigger for nuclear weapons and was now making its

The United States and Britain said in March that officials at London's Heathrow amount had seized a shipment of the topsecret U.S. capacitators bound

"Only five days after the U.S. approvincement about the socalled nuclear triggers, our fighters at the (Ministry of Industry and) Military Industrialisation succeeded in producing similar capacitators to those so-called triggers," President Hussein told

Iraqi political leaders.
"Only five days after the Americans said they (seized them) our young men in the military industry managed to produce two condensers," be told

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Jordan Times reporters

AMMAN — The banding of male bandressers from working with female clients continued to draw

angry reactions from the associa-

tion of owners of beauty pariours

and other quarters despite Ministry of Interior demais that such a ban

A copy of the decision benning the issuance of liceuses and employ-

ment to male bairdressers as of 21

April 1990 was made available to the Jordan Times yesterday. "The

management and employees of female beauty salous to be licensed

as of this date will be limited to

women," the decision, signed by

Minister of Interior Salem

Masa'adeh, stipulated. Although ministry sources re-

fused all reports of this ban, the Jordan Times confirmed Tuesday

that the decision was sent to the head of the Public Security Depart-

ment (PSD) in the form of an

addendum to an earlier condition set by the ministry governing the

ownership, employment and status of premises occupied by hairdres-

"We have only issued instruc-

tions governing the work of the

beauty parlours and they do not

infringe on any person's right to work in this field," a senior interior

Ministry official told the Jordan

The president of the handressers'

association, Anis Naber, vowed to

fight the ministry decision "by con-tacting all the concerned parties before taking it to law courts if it continues to infringe on the rights

of professionals in this field."

. Addressing an angry crowd of over 50 male hairdressers gathered

Times Tuesday,

was adopted in the first place.

ing in Baghdad in solidarity rally with Iraq.

showed to the participants. "If the British or the Americans want to import some of these

devices which are labelled made in Iraq they can negotiate a deal with the Ministry of Industry and Military Industrialisation," be announced He also disclosed that Iraq was

able to import some of the same devices produced by the American firm before British customs officers seized a batch at London's Heathrow airport. "Can this detonate a nuclear

bomb?" he asked. "I haven't seen a nuclear bomb... but this is one of the capacitators they talked about, of which they did not capture all." Five people and two British

Campaign continues to fight ban on

male hairstylists despite official denials

at the association's headquarters Tuesday evening, Naber said that the decision was ambiguous and did

not specify whether the ban on licensing included new or old hair stylists, adding that either way the association would light it.

The decision affects 1,500 male

beauty parlour owners as well as at

least 4,500 employees in these

salons, according to figures available to the Jordan Times. The

affect an estimated 15,000 depen-

dents of the workers.

Though the decision seems to be

ambiguous, one hairdresser said that when he tried to license his

perfour, which had cost him up to

JD 15,000 to establish, his request was rejected. "Who will give me

back my money now? Is the govern-ment going to pay me back?" he asked.

Heated debate over 'politics'

The decision has generated a heated debate over the last few

days over the legal and constitu-

tional legitimacy of such a move. A

legal precedent in the governorate of Irbid in 1980 contravenes the

adoption of such a measure and

calls for the differentiation between

legal and religious aspects of the

In one case heard by the supreme court then, an Irbid Municipality

decision to ban men from owning or

working at women's beauty par-

lours was overturned since "there is

nothing in the license law which

would prohibit licensing men to open beauty parlous for women."

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The rating also rejected the pos-

United States in late March of conspiring to smuggle top secret President Hussein displayed nuclear weaponry to Iraq from the devices, which he said was the United States. The indictsimilar to one produced in the ment was passed down after a United States which be also 18-month "sting" operation involving the capacitors.

Iraq denied it was making nuclear weapons and said it wanted the capacitators for laser research. Relations between Baghdad

and London fell further last month when eustoms officers seized steel tubes that military experts said could be used for the barrel of a giant gun.

President Hussein reiterated Tuesday that Iraq and the Arab Natinn would not give up their resolve to acquire sophisticated technology for national security and self defence.

"Technical and scientific advancement is the new title of

by the Interior Ministry was seen by observers and political analysis as a

"concession to Islamist deputies

The supreme court ruling ex-plained that the fact that "Islam is

the religion of the country" does not contradict licensing beauty par-

lour operated by male hairdressers

The ruling also stipulated that on its own opening beauty saloes for women "does not contradict the

article in the Constitution that

stipulates the country's religion is

Members of the hairdressers

association told the Jordan Times

that they were informed in Febru-

ary of the government's move to-wards considering banning male

"This is a recurrent problem. We

have lived with it again and again

according to the whims and fancies

of the people in authority at the time," one hairdresser said.

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Several public organisations are

aircady preparing campaigns

against the government decision citing "infringement on the civil

rights and liberties of the Jordanian

A woman activist, who preferred

amonymity, said that this move "is

only a first step in many which will

grow to affect our daily living and

affect us," said Naber of the asso-

ciation. "We are only the first

victims. These type of decisions will

perhaps start a series of negative

measures in sectors where men and

women currently integrate for the benefit of the whole society."

This decision does not only

limit our constitutional rights."

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# Prince renews warning AMMAN (J.T.) — His Royal

Highness Crown Prince Hassan has called on the international community, notably the big powin the Arab-Israeli conflict to renew efforts to convene an international peace conference on the Middle East.

The Crown Prince also warned that Israeli expansionism will only fuel the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories.

"It is clear that the present climate in international relations is conducive to the convening of an international peace conference under the auspices of the United Nations." the Crown Prince wrote in an article which appeared in the May 6 issue of the Los Angeles Times. "This conference would be an appropriate forum in which to deal with the problem once other methods bave been exhausted."

"Whatever happens," the Crown Prince wrote, "the world should not simply wait until the Arabs and the Israelis are ready to make suitable compromises.

They must be induced to do so." In the article, under the headline "Israel must act while there is time for peace," the Crown Prince also renewed an earlier warning that the existing opportunity for a genuinely lasting peace in the region was diminishing daily.

"Peace presumes that the other party undergoes a comparable transformation of attitudes, values and outlook," the Crown Prince wrote. "This is not the case in the Middle East. Israel, under Yitzhak Shamir, seems intent on squandering the opportunity by refusing to accept the exchange of land for peace...".

The Crown Prince also warned that the Middle East peace process should be safeguard against a breakdown with properly defined proposals "that accommodate both the political requirements of the Palestinians and the resettlement of Soviet Jews."

"The United States, the Soviet Union, Europe and other parties to the (Middle East) dispute should combine their expertise, wisdom and influence to chart a fresh course for peace, economic development and regional integration in the Middle East. Since the Israeli settlements in the occupied territories violate international law, the United States and Europe should tie their aid for the immigration and resettlement of Soviet Jews in the

country to Israel's freezing all settlement activity in the territories..." the Crown Prince said (full text of the article appears on Vilnius news conference.

The rebel Lithuanian govern-

# S. Arabia will continue aid to Jordan --- Badran AMMAN (J.T.) - Saudi Arabia has displayed positive understand

ing of Jordan's economic situation and will continue to provide financial assistance to the Kingdom, Prime Minister Mudar Badran said here Tuesday. "In true commitment to bolster solidarity among Arab states and

to further promote Jordanian-Saudi ties, Riyadh will very soon provide Jordan with financial aid," the prime minister announced following the departure of Sandi Crown Prince Abdullah Ben Abdul Aziz after a two-day visit to Jordan.

The prime minister was quoted by the Jordan News Agency, Petra, as saying that the Saudi prince's talks here covered bilateral relations and pan-Arab affairs in addition to convening an Arab

"We discussed Jordan's economic issue within the framework of our unique bilateral relations and there was an understanding from the Saudi crown prince, a great deal of positive understanding,"

for convening a special Arab summit in Baghdad later this month to discuss all the challenges facing the Arab Nation." Badran said a flurry of Saudi

Syria would not attend a summit if it was held in Beghdad and diplomatic activity was aimed at "uniting the Arab fold and concalling for an alternative venue. vincing Arab leaders to attend In comments to reporters after seeing off Prince Abdullah to Cairo, Badran said the proposed "We believe that what is cur-

summit would go ahead later this rently taking place on the Arab month, "We believe we have to arena is dangerous and requires skip the routine procedures and Arab leaders to convene an pave the way for Arab leaders to emergency meeting soon," Badsit together and reach positive ran said. results which would be for the He explained that "Israeb exbenefit of the Arab Nation," he panionist policies has alarmed said. "Iraq is a good Arab com-Arab leaders of a growing

threat... to Arab national securtry with a clear national inclination and has always played an active role in serving Arab Badran said be has been informed that Egypt Egypt and should be convened before the May 30 summit between U.S. President George Busb and Soviet President Mikhail Gor-The premier noted that the

Arab conference will have an open agenda that will discuss broad range of "Arab national security issues." "The leaders can sit together

and discuss all Arab matters until they reach a joint decision," without the foreign ministers meeting first, Badran said.

We need a summit to form a united Arab strategy that should be considered by the superpower summit regarding any decision they plan to take on the Palestinian cause," he said.

Prince Abdullah was seen off by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Abdullah the preparations Baghdad summit, which he said Prince Hassan.

# crown prince in ( Cairo in push to clear way for summit

Sandi Arabia will attend the

Saudi Arabia have embarked on delicate diplomacy to clear the way to hold an Arab summit in Baghdad in the face of Syrian

He said: "We discussed with

AMMAN (J.T.) — Prime Minis

ter Mudar Badran and Arab

League Secretary General Chadli

Klibi Tnesday discussed efforts

under way to convene an extraor-

dinary Arab summit and the out-

come of the discussions held here

by Sandi Crown Prince Abdullah

Ben Abdul Aziz, who left for

The Jordanian News Agency.

Petra, quoted Badran as reaffirm-

ing to Klibi Jordan's support for

the proposed conference, "which

would help the Arabs reach con-

sensus on means to confront the

The prime minister briefed the

Arab League chief on Jordan's

efforts, in cooperation with Saudi

Arabia, to convene the summit,

Petra said. Deputy Prime

Minister and Foreign Minister

Marwan Al Qasem attended the

cus, where be held talks with

Syrian President Hafez Al Assad,

who was quoted as saying that

Kilbi arrived here from Damas-

Cairo earlier Monday.

common dangers."

opposition. Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Abdullah arrived in Cairo Tuesday to join President Hosni Mubarak a few hours after Syrian President Hafez Al Assad refused to attend a summit in Baghdad and suggested a neutral venue be fixed at a preliminary meeting of foreign ministers.

Just before Prince Abdullah arrived, Egypt sent a private message to Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

The PLO's summit proposal is in question mainly because it specified the meeting should be in Baghdad.

Prince Abdullah flew to Cairo from Amman. His tour also has taken bim to Damascus and Baghdad. He conferred with Syrian and

Iraqi leaders on bealing the 11year rift between them. Because nf it, the choice nf Bagbdad for the summit emerged as the main hurdle to convening it as the PLO requested prior to a U.S.-Soviet 22 Arab League members meet in

Iraqi Foreign Minister Tareq

Aziz, who met President Mubarak in Cairo, told reporters there is no talk of a change of venue. Saudi Arabia's position remains uncertain. Both Iraq and Jordan bave said Rivadh will participate. But the Saudis were less than

positive in a statement that stressed the importance of consultation and said Saudi Arabia "does not adopt unilateral decisions" on Arab issues.

Egypt has not stated its positinn publicly. But Mubarak has said be favours any summit that is

adequately prepared. He visited Damascus last week. where he told Assad and Egyptian editors who accompanied him that he would attend if a

summit and its venue are decided by consensus. Syria announced Monday it will not attend an emergency summit in Baghdad, hindering intensive efforts to patch up the

has blocked Arab unity. Officials said Damascus proposed that foreign ministers of the

11-year-old feud with Iraq that

CAIRO (Agencies) - Egypt and summit opening May 30 in Tunis to find an alternative venue

The Syrian Arab News Agency (SANA) said Assad made the temarks Monday night in a meeting with Chadli Klibi, secretarygeneral of the Arab League, who flew to Damascus Sunday in an apparent effort to persuade Assad to be more flexible.

The agency quoted Assad as saying he would only attend a summit "after consultations which will end with a comprehensive agreement on the topics to be discussed at the summit and on the venue of the summit."

SANA said Assad "explained during the discussions with Mr. Klibi that Syria's view on this subject is that the summit conference be beld in a place to which nobody objects."

It gave no other details of the meeting with Klibi, who later flew to Amman.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdul Meguid Monday sent a private message to a Ara-fat. But neither Saeed Kamal, the PLO's Cairo representative, nor Foreign Ministry officials in the Egyptian capital gave any details of the message.

# Baltic republics push collision with Moscow

Union's three Baltic republics moved further along a collision course with Moscow Tuesday by maintaining their independence drive in the face of Kremlin press-

In Lithuania, trailblazer of the thrust to independence in the Baltics, a senior Soviet officer said the army might have to intervene if tension escalated. Lieutenant-Colonel Valery

Shorupov, deputy commander of the Soviet army garrison in the Lithuanian capital Vilnius, urged President Mikhail Gorbachev to use his new executive powers and run the republic from the Krem-

"Soldiers do not want to interfere in the life of the republic. But an escalation of events could force the army to be pulled into the whirlpool," Shorupov told a

MOSCOW (R) - The Soviet ment is considering a further cut in meat and milk supplies to Moscow in response to a Soviet economie blockade aimed at forcing it to drop its March 11 declaration of independence.

> In Estonia, the parliament changed the republic's name and constitution and restored its prewar coat-of-arms, flag and national anthem in moves to coordinate its campaign with its sister Baltic republics.

In Latvia, deputies were told that President Anatolijs Gorbunovs had written to Gorbachev explaining its May 4 declaration of independence which it has lannched with a "transition

The developments placed the three republics on a collision course with the Kremlin which insists they can secede only under

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# Beirut carnage continues

BEIRUT (R) - "The city is burning"; the cry of a resident rose above the thunder of exploding shells and rockets Tuesday as rival forces fought with tank, artillery and rockets for control of Lebanon's Christian heartland. More than 10 people were killed and 20 wounded, including

five children. Among the dead was army Colonel Francois Zein, head of the Lebanese military academy of

General Michel Aoun, whose 15,000 mainly Christian troops are locked in battle with militiamen of the Lebanese Forces (LF) for a 14th week.

"Shells are raining down nonstop on nearly every quarter of east Beirut. The city is lighting up from the glow of the exploding shells... it is burning," cried resident Soughit Helou.

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# Musawi fears hostage may be killed if Iranians are dead

BEIRUT (Agencies) — A senior Shi'ite Muslim fundamentalist voiced fears Tuesday that one of the Western hostages in Lebanon could be killed by his kidnappers if four missing Iranians are found to have been slain by Christian militiamen.

"If the death of the four Iranians is ascertained, that will definitely affect the hostage issue. One of the kidnap groups might react by murdering a hostage," said Hussein Musawi. leader of the Islamic Amal faction based in for their disappearance and appathe Bekaa Valley of East Leba- rent murder.

"I don't have any concrete information on that. But they've done it before. What's there to stop them from doing it again?" he told the Associated Press in a telephone interview from his headquarters in the ancient town of Baalbek

His remarks were seen as an effort to pressure Washington to make a conciliatory gesture to-ward Iran and the kidnappers following last month's release of two Americans.

The four Iranians were seized hy right-wing Lebanese Forces militiamen north of Beirut in July

Iran has repeatedly called for their release. But the four men are widely believed to have been killed either in civil war shelling

or hy their captors. They are Ahmad Motevaselian, commander of the contingent of Iranian Revolutionary Guards hased in the Bekaa Valley of East Lebanon, Charge d'Affaires Mohsen Musavi, Kazem Akhavan Ailaf, a photographer for Iran's official Islamie Republic News Agency, and their Iranian driver, Mohammad Taghi Rastergar Rastegar Moqadam.

Chadli Benjedid, whose govern-

ment is under fire from Islamic

fundamentalists, has plunged into

a debate raging in Algiera over

relations between Islam and poli-

tics hy saying the two should not

In his first public remarks since

tens of thousands of Muslim fun-

damentalists marched on his

palace last month ahead of the

first free elections in June, Ben-

jedid attacked what he called an

Islam of charlatanism and de-

gion, should not be mixed with

politics and the manoeuvres of

parties so as not to diminish its

value," he told Islamic scholars

attending a conference on the fu- satisfaction.

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ALGIERS (R) - President ture of Islam Monday.

Lehanese Forces Commander Samir Geagea said in August 1988 that after he took over the militia in 1986 he found no trace of the missing men and hlamed his predecessor, Elie Hobeika,

Iranian President Hahsemi Rafsanjani said in October 1989: "If you say they are not alive, at least you can given us back their bodies or show as their graves."

Musawi's pro-Syrian faction is part of the Iranian-backed Hizbollah, or Party of God. That is helieved to he the parent organisation of Shi'ite extremists holding most of the 16 Westerners missing in Lebanon.

They are six Americans, four Britons, two West Germans, two wiss, an Italian and an Irishman. Musawi is the reputed mentor of the pro-Iranian Islamic Jihad

for the Liberation of Palestine, which holds American professors Alann Steen and Jesse Turner. The group freed U.S. educator Robert Polhill, 55, April 22 after

39 months in captivity.

The move was followed by the April 30 release of another American, Frank Reed, 57, after being held hostage for 42 months by a group calling itself the Organisation of Islamic Dawn.

Following the releases, the kidnappers and Iranian officials called on U.S. President George Bush to reciprocate with a conciliatory gesture.

An escalating war of words pits

the fundamentalist Islamic Salva-

tion Front (FIS) against Ben-

jedid's ruling National Liberation

Benjedid: Islam and politics should not mix

missing Iranians be determined. hostages held by Lebanese mili-Bush has said the United States could try to help learn their fate. Musawi said he believes no

more hostages will be freed before the Israelis free some 400 Lebanese and Palestinians held by them and their militia allies in South Lebanon. That is another key demand made by the kidnappers and Iran.

"If the kidnappers' mind is sound and their religion is sound, they will not free any more hostages," Musawi said. "And I think they won't.

"If the Americans want to solve the hostage issue, they should solve the problem of the Muslims and the oppressed held by Israel and its surrogates," he

Israel has said it is not opposed to a swap in principle, but stressed that an exchange should include three Israeli servicemen captured in Lebanon in 1986 and believed held by radical Shi'ites linked to Hizbollah.

Bush has declared that the United States would have no objectin to Israel freeing prisoners. But he said Washington will make no move of its own until all six American hostages still held in Lebanon have been freed unconditionally.

to the release like cowboys, like real cowboys," Musawi said. "Was it really time for them to open their mouths and talk?" He was referring to a U.S. State Department report issued a day after Reed's release that listed Iran and Syria as states supporting terrorism even as Bush was publicly thanking them for their help.

The Americans have reacted

Israel Tuesday again insisted They asked that the fate of the that any deal to release Western

# Darawshe fed up with racist slanders from Israeli MPs

TEL AVIV (R) — An Arab member of Israel's parliament said Tuesday he wanted jail terms for right-wingers using the name "Mohammad" as a rascist slur. Abdul Wahab Darawshe, head

of the Arah Democratic Party. told Reuters right-wing politi-cians call him Mohammad instead of his real name as an ethnic slur. He said he would seek legisla-

tion to provide six-mouth jail terms for people using ethnic names in a racist way. He said Mohammad was a typical Arab name and its deliberate use indicated bigotry.

"It is like calling Jews in Europe Moshe during World War II. It is a racist way of addressing people," he said.

Darawshe said right wing

Trade and Industry Minister Moshe Nissim had called him and other Arab members of the Knesset (parliament) Mohammad or

Other/ Israeli politicians angered Darawshe and other arab deputies last month when they criticised Labour Party leader Shimon Peres for seeking Arab backing for a new government, a claim they also labelled as racist.

# U.S. voices concern about Israeli arms with drug lords

WASHINGTON (Agencies) -The United States has told Israel it is concerned about a weapons shipment from the Jewish state that ended up in the hands of Colombian drugs traffickers, the state department has said. The 500 weapons and ammuni-

tion, worth some \$200,000, were recovered by Colombian government officials after Colombian drug lord Gonzalo Rodriguez Gacha was killed by police in December 1989.

The arms were ostensibly sold by Israel to opponents of former Panamanian strongman Manuel Noriega trying to organise an invasion force on the Caribbean island of Antigua.

"We do not know how these weapons ended up in the hands of the Rodriguez Gacha organisa-

tion... since Israel was the source of the arms, our embassy in Tel Aviv has raised our concern about these arms with the govern-ment of Israel," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Monday.
"We understand the Israeli

government is cooperating in the investigation," he said. A senior Israeli army reserves

officer, Yair Klein, is under investigation in Escael on suspicion of training Colombian drug

"We are clearly concerned when government-licensed weapons end up in the hands of narcotics-trafficking organisations. We urge governments involved to aggressively investigate the incident and take appropriate judicial action," Boucher said.

# Israeli court orders full disclosure of coalition deals

TEL AVIV (R) - The supreme court, responding to appeals from Israelis disgusted by their politicians' intrigues, ruled Tuesday that political parties must make pubbe all coalition agreements before forming a government. The ruling followed growing public demands for reform of a

political system which leaves the balance of power with small ultra-. religious parties and individual defectors who extort a high price for their support. "This is a great day for demo-

cracy and for the protest move-ment," said Eli Shrager, an electoral reform campaigner on hunger strike outside parliament who petitioned the supreme court. "The court established... that

the public has a right to know what is in the coalition agreements - what is done with its the open, they will be done more carefully," he said. Both major Israeli parties, the

center-left Labour and the right- ment with Labour.

wing Likud, have made secret accords with minor factions and defectors promising cabinet jobs, parliamentary seats, funding and policy concessions in a bid to form a government.

One maverick group, led by Economics Minister Yitzhak Modai, even demanded that Likud post a bank guarantee underwriting its promises of cabinet posts and safe seats for its members. The coalition deals have caused

widespread public disgust and brought tens of thousands of Israelis on to the streets to demonstrate for .a. change in the . strict proportional representation system, under which 15 parties. have seats in the 120-member

Caretaker Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir of Likud meanwhile d efforts to form a narrow doubt that when things will be in Likud-led coalition Tuesday, with aides telling religious parties they saw no prospect of reviving the former "national unity" govern-

# Yemens to speed up unity declaration to forestall problems

SANAA (R) — North and South political parties. Yemen have decided to speed up their planned merger to forestall any attempts to undernine the creation of the Arabian peninsula's most populous country, diplomats and officials in the North

They said a formal announcement of the new Yemen Republic would be made about six months ahead of schedule, after the two parliaments meet to ratify its draft constitution during the last week of this month.

Initial plans called for the birth of the new state to be declared on Nov. 30 after a popular vote on the constitution at the end of a transition period following ratification.

"The unity process is being speeded up to avoid the possibility of outside interference, mainly through manipulation of religious forces inside the country," said one member of parliament who wished to remain anonymous.

North Yemeni Information Minister Hassan Al Lauzi would not confirm a widely quoted date of May 26 but told Reuters: "I do not discount declaring the Yemeni Republic within two or three

Yemeni officials from both states have warned of threats to the merger that would end more than 300 years of division between the countries, which have fought fierce border wars in their more recent past.

South Yemen's minister of state for union affairs, Rashid Mohammad Thabit, said in an interview earlier this year that "hostile internal forces" with ontside links were threatening the

North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh told a rally last month that those who were "trying to plant thorns on the road to Yemeni unity under the pretext of Islam or through strange and radical ideas" would

No fingers have been pointed publicly. Privately, officials say they believe neighbouring Saudi Arabia viewed the creation of a unified Yemeni state along its southern border with some apprehension. Saudi Arabia's King Fahd pub-

hely supported the union moves after a visit to Riyadh by Saleh in February. But diplomats and officials in ger.

Sanna say the kingdom is uncomfortable with idea of a united Yemen enjoying a more liberal political system and a population tion would be dropped. of some 13 million. Saudi Arabia also has about 13

million residents but Yemenis are least two years to allow ample a significant proportion of the time for ministries to merge, politotal.

The draft constitution guarantees a multi-party system. Socialist South Yemen is now ruled by a single party and the North has no end of that period.

"I suspect the main reason for putting the unity announcement where it is expected now is to forestall any difficulties which might arise," one senior diplomat

If there is any attempt by any of Yemen's neighbours to cause difficulties then the quicker they get into a strong position the less likely it is to happen."
Saudi Arabia has strong links

with fiercely independent tribes living on the disputed borders with the two Yemens.

Reports last month of clashes with tribesmen in the northern border town of Saadah have been discounted by officials and foreign diplomats in Sanaa but underline the tension preceding the

unity announcement. The tribes have clashed periodically with North Yemeni authorities on property and trading issues. Diplomats say that although they are happy to accept Saudi handouts, the northern tribes are not opposed to the government as such and ultimatewould remain staunch Yeme-

These tribes have reservations hut more about the content of unity rather than the act of unity," one diplomat said.

'The major groups will most

likely go with the system and try to retain the maximum interest they can within it." A widely respected North

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Yemeni religious leader living in Saudi Arabia said in December that the unity constitution could undermine Islam but he subsequently said he did not oppose . the merger, diplomats said.
They said Muslim fun-

damentalists in North Yemen object to article three of the new constitution, which says Islam will be "the main source of legislation" rather than "the source of legislation" as in the present constitution. There are also some groups in

Sonth Yemen who view reintegration as a betrayal-of the Socialist system adopted when it gained independence from Britain in 1967. Once a staunch proponent of

Marxism, the country has pulled back from its pro-Moscow leftist. dogma and has been liberalising its economic and political institutions in preparation for the mer-Diplomats said that under re-

vised unity plans, transitional provisions in the draft constitu-

The six-month transition period would be extended to at tical parties to form, and existing parliaments to complete their terms, they said. Elections would be held at the

#### Palestinians blocked from building as Jewish housing rises birthrate, residents frequently furiates Israeli leaders. 30,000 housing units have been of the city, including Beit Haniturn to building without perna. But after 23 years of wait-

mits.

Reuter

TEL AVIV - Palestinians who are routinely refused permission to build new houses in occupied Arab Jerusalem are watching bitterly while workers erect thousands of homes for newly arrived Soviet Jews.

"When you talk about law, it is different for Jews than for Palestinians," said Mohammad Masri, chairman of the Community Association in the neighbourhood of Beit Hanina. The circle of Jewish housing

around the Arab areas of East Jerusalem is being drawn tighter. Israel allotted funds this month to build 7,500 units in Jerusalem for Soviet immigrants, most on land near Beit

Amir Cheshin, city adviser on Arab affairs, says some built for Jews since Israell troops occupied Arab East Jerusalem in the 1967 Middle

East war.

The city says it does not have figures for Arab housing but a glance at a landscape crowded with fresh Israeli construction supports the Palestinian view that few new houses belong to

Officially the reason for the discrepancy is legal — the absence of zoning plans that would allow the city to give building permits. After more than two decades

of debate, and a whittling down of the number of houses that would be permitted, a plan appeared last year for part of East Jerusalem. Arabs say it is so restrictive it will have no

Most vacant land Palestigians could use is in the north

Front (FLN), the two main con-Benjedid, 61, launched the testants in the June 12 local eleccountry on a difficult road to mnlti-party democracy after FLN officials have stepped up October 1988 youth riots.

attacks-on-the FIS in recent weeks, denouncing its control of major urban mosques and portraying it as an extremist deviation from the Islam traditionally tirely FLN and not due for reelecpractised in Algeria. tion until 1992. A four-day conference orga-

for Studies on the Future of Islam essentially endorsed the FLN's view of a moderate, democratic 27 years of one-party rule, Islam, and Chadli did not hide his

FIS spokesman Abbasi Madayard to demand parliamentary ni, who was not invited, dismiselections within three months. sed the conference as "drawing Benjedid Monday warned the room Islam," Algerian Radio fundamentalists and other opponents to respect the rule of demo-

He has announced free elections for municipal and provincial: -said.
councils on June 12 but resisted The to dissolve parliament, still en-

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ing, there is still no sign of a

zoning plan emerging from

the Israeli government for that

"For the new Jewish quar-

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told Reuters. "The main point

houses is difficult. Residents

are told to destroy their present

homes and move to a hotel

before building new ones.

Arabs are allowed only two or

three floors, while they watch

eight-storey buildings rise in

With a population of some 150,000 Palestinians and a high

birthrate, residents frequently

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With a population of some 150,000 Palestinians and a high

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exploiting the social and economic difficulties of the country," he 157

cracy. "Neither the Algerian peo-

ple nor its system will accept that

power be taken from above or by

tants should include freedom for

Prime Minister Yitzhak Sha-

mir's spokesman Avi Pazner said

the statement was issued in re-

sponse to two senior U.S. sena-

tors, Daniel Patrick Moynihan

state to free its Arab "hostages"

as demanded by Iran and its

Lebanese allies in the Shi'ite

A government statement in-

sisted Israel would only consider

freeing the Arabs if it received six

Israeli servicemen who went mis-

Israel believes Hizbollah holds

three of them — an airman shot

down in 1986 and two infantry-

men ambushed in Israel's self-

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It think another group of three,

a tank crew missing after Israel's

1982 invasion of Lebanon, were

captured by Syria or Syrian-

"Israel again declares its readi-

ness to release Lebanese de-

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the return of all its (Israeli) pris-

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to take part and to make its

contribution to any move that will

bring about a release of all the

hostages, on the condition that as

part of this its prisoners and those

of the Israeli-backed South Leba-

non Army (SLA) militia, ruled

out exchanging his 300 Arah pris-oners for the Western hostages

unless SLA members and the six

missing Israelis were also freed.

General Antoine Lahd, head

missing will be returned."

"(Israel) will certainly be ready

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all missing Israeli servicemen.

The FLN launched a campaign last month to denounce the use of Friday sermons in the mosques for political ends. But the fiery young

preacher Ali Benhadi told worshippers in the capital's Kouba Mosque last Friday, "we are in the mosques like the fish are in

City authorities have often

ignored illegal building, or con-

tented themselves with periodic

fines. But the city announced

plans recently to flatten an

Arab shop and four homes

"It's to put you in a box so

you can't expand on your own

land," said Ziad Darwash,

director of the Beit Hanina

The housing debate is in-

separable from the wider

Israeli-Palestinian struggle.

Israelis claim Jerusalem their

"united capital," Arabs con-

sider the eastern half to be the

capital of the state of Palestine.

Israel's annexation of the Arab

areas, on the grounds that the

status of the city remains to be

negotiated, a position that in-

Few conntries recognise

housing 42 people.

Association.

While the goal of more liberal Jews such as Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek is to keep the present proportion of Arabs in the city frozen at about 28 per cent of the population, ose on the right of Israeli politics hope Palestinians will just leave.

"To flee from here - no way," said Darwash. "We will

He is probably right, if for no other reason than residents have few places to go. Emigration to other countries is exceeded by new births and ousands of Palestinians slipping into the city without Esraeli permission.

But the restrictions are squeezing the standard of liv-

The housing shortage has helped push rents to levels far out of line with incomes, de-

caying older houses cannot be replaced and increasing numbers of people live in illegal houses under the threat of a demolition order. Ynsef Khonry, a U.S.-

educated consulting engineer and head of the Holy Land Housing Society, estimates a pent-up demand among Jerosalem Arabs for 20,000 homes. His Vatican-supported society has been seeking approval to

build a 32-unit apartment block for eight years. His own home now has an Israell army centre on one side and construction for the new Jewish community of Pistat Zeev East on the

"Unless you house people, something is going to happen Khoury told Renters. "There is going to be growing despera-tion, like what has hapened in Gaza and refugee camps."

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AERIVALS

# Seminar begins on peace and justice in Palestine

AMMAN (J.T.) — A five-day holm, Sweden on "peace and justice for the Palestinian people", with the participation of leading Palestinian representaand a long list of international political personalities. Several panel discussions will

be organised during the seminar. The first, in which the Palestinian Dr. Sari Nusseibeh from occupied Arab Jerusalem and Mr. Dedi Zucker, a member of the Israeli Knesset, will participate is entitled 'The intifadah: its impact on and significance for advancing towards a just solution based on the principle of two peoples, two states."

"breaking the impasse seminar was opened in Stock- urgent need for a just and lasting settlement of the question of Palestine: the international peace conference and the role of Enrope." European politicians tives, Israeli members of Knesset will participate as well as Mr. Faisal Husseimi, head of the Arah Studies Centre, Mr. Nabeel Shaath, chairman of the Political Committee of the Palestine National Council (PNC), and Mr. Moshe Amirav, secretary-general of the Israeli Shiuni Party.

Mr. Khaled Al Hassan, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the PNC will speak on the role of the PLO in the political, economic, social and cultural development of the The second panel is entitled Palestinian people.

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# Narcotics bureau to aid Jordan fight drugs

AMBIAN (FIL) - The Interna 669,743 kilogrammes of various tional Narcotics Control Board types of drugs were seized in the (INCB) has decided to provide Arab World between 1984 and secured to Jordan to belo its efforts in fighting narcotics and to stem drug trafficking in the Arab area, according to Brigadier Hashem Al Quisi director of the roin, but also 53 million pills of Ammen based Arab Bureau for Narothics (ABN)

Normally the INCB provides assistance to countries with drug addiction to help them overcome this problem; Qaisi said in a lecture on the drug problems of the Arab World.

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Addressing an audience at the Reyal Cultural Centre Quisi said that recently a charitable society had been created in Jordan to belp combat drugs and assist the concerned official authorities in the fight against this danger.

The Vicona-based INCB, established in 1961, supervises. the implementation of the drug control treaties by governments and belos nations with drug prob-

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Greater

Amman Municipality has aban-

doned a JD 4 million plan for

appropriating land and real estate

in downtown Amman and demol-

ish buildings in several districts to

ease traffic congestion in the

capital, according to Amman

after reviewing the municipality's

financial position and have

opted to postpone such major

project for the time being," the

mayor said following a visit to

Ruseifa where he inspected a

"At present, the municipality

will appropriate real estate near

the old market place ar the cost of

JD 134,000 to help ease traffic

around that particular area in

But he said that the municipal-

ity is inclined to delay taking

action in this regard too until a

solution for the problem of mer-

chants, who will be affected by

earlier decision taken-by the

municipal council to pull down a

The mayor was referring to an

the decision, has been found.

Amman," Suheimat added.

"We have taken the decision

Mayor Ali Suheimat.

parbage dumping site.

Municipality quits plans

for downtown Amman

According to Qaisi, a total of

He said drug traffickers were mostly apprehended trying to smuggle hashish, opium and hedangerous drugs were seized during the same period according to statistics available to the bureau.

He said that a total 75,146 people involved in the drug trafficking business were apprehended in the course of the drug busting operations in the Arab World alone between 1984

"A total of \$330 billion worth of drugs were sold around the world in 1988, half of which in the United States," Qaisi said.

Referring to the situation in the occupied Arah retritories, Qaisi said that the Israeli authorities were easing restrictions in matters related to drug trafficking and drug addiction in the Arab region, while enforcing laws against the Israelis addicts.

shopping centre and subsequent

The mayor spoke to reporters

following his visit to the Ruseifa

garbage dump and meeting with

the problem of bad smell which

caused the outery of the local

residents is continuing its work on

this matter and the municipality

will abide by the committee's decision in this affair," Suheimat

Local citizens had been com-

plaining about the smell from the

dumping ground and just before

Eid Al Fitt they staged a sit-in at

the site, blocking entrances and

preventing tracks from reaching

According to the mayor, a new

technique is being adopted now

at a site of 700 dunums, with

garbage teams covering the gar-

bage and spraying insecticides.

The mayor said the committee

would investigate the causes of

the smell and report on the mat-

ter before any further action can

the grounds.

on a regular basis.

"A special committee to study

merchants' complaints.

officials at the site.

# Jordan-Sweden trade ties to become stronger Swedish markets," said Abu Has- Sweden.

By Ziyad Al Shilleh Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - Sweden will help Jordan set np a commercial studies centre for the benefit of Jordanian exporters and will provide experts to work out training programmes and transfer Swedish expertise to the Kingdom, according to Amman Chamber of Industry President Khaldoun

the Amman Chamber of Industry will pay a visit to Sweden in six months' time to hold talks with officials and importers and pave the way for exporting Jordan's national products to Sweden's markets. Ahu Hassan announced at a press conference following the conclusion of a two-day seminar on marketing Jordanian products in Sweden held at Amman

Chamber of Industry. The delegation to visit Sweden will agree with importers

"Jordanian exporters have already had contacts with Swedish markets over the markeong of certain types of Jordanian goods and the Swedish side expressed desire to import Jordan's agricultural products, clothing, and pharmaceuncals and industrial equipment," Abu Hassan announced.

Abu Hussan said the seminar was an important step towards Also a delegation representing opening the Swedish markets for Jordanian exporters.

"Delegates attending the seminar included representatives of four major Swedish organisations specialising in importing products from developing nations, the Federation of Swedish Commerce and Trade and the Swedish Trde Bank which finances imports," Ahu Hassan said.

He said 120 Jordanian husinessmen and representatives of major Jordanian industrial and agricultural firms who took part there on types of products and in the seminar displayed great procedures for delving into the interest in exporting products to bilateral cooperation.

Jordanian artists display work

until June 6.

Bank building in Shmeisani.

Ahu Hassan said the Amman Chamber of Industry will seek to organise a Jordanian trade ex-

hibition in Stockholm next year especially since Swedish organisations have offered facilities for holding such an exhibition. Following the conclusion of the

meetings, Sweden's ambassador to Jordan Lars Lonnback told the Jordan Times that one of the Swedish experts had left for the occupied Arah lands to hold contacts with Palestinian exporters on the prospect of seiling products to Sweden.

"Palestine will in the future heeome a trade partner of Sweden and whatever agreements might be reached with Jordan could be applied to Palesone as well," the ambassador

Lonnhack also said that Swedish-Jordanian tourist ties are important since visitors to Jordan's archaeolgical sites and industrial centres can help promote

# Spanish official visits Jordan, calls on Israel to talk peace

AMMAN (J.T.) - Spain calls on Middle East especially in view of heration Organisation (PLO) help give momentum to the peace process in the Middle East. according to a senior Spanish official here Tuesday.

Fernando Perpina, secretarygeneral of the Spanish Foreign Ministry made the statement upon his arrival here for a twoday visit for talks with His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Marwan Al Oasem and other senior officials.

"Spain and the European Community are concerned about the latest developments in the

Israel to respond favourably to the Soviet Jewish immigration peace initiatives and urges it to into Palestine and the obstacles placed in the path of peaceful solutions," said Perpina in a for peace. statement to the Jordan News Agency, Petra.

The European Community's Madrid declaration made clear the community's stand vis-a-vis the Middle East problem," the Spanish official said. The declaration called for an

international Middle East peace conference which will result in the recognition of the rights of the Palestinian people including their right to self-determination," Perpina added.

He said that the Palestine Li-

should be a full partner in any international peace efforts and Israel should respond to the calls

"Spain condemns any human. rights violations against the Palestinian people in the occu-.

pied territories," Perpina said. He added that the European Community attaches special importance to its ties with Jordan in

a view of the Kingdom's role in

promoting the cause of peace. He said his visit to Jordan was in the course of efforts to bolster Spanish-Jordanian cooperation in political, developmental and

NMI president promises better health services

# **Doctors rally behind NMI**

By Odeh Odeh Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Seventy doctors representing about 1,000 doctors delegated by the Ministry of Health to work at the National Medical Institution (NMI) hospitals decided at the end of a meeting to send a cable to His Majesty King Hussein asking for support and revival of the institution. The doctors said a just system should be used to avoid the negative aspects which would result if the NMI were dissolved.

Press reports had said that the NMI, which started operations in July 1988 when all hospitals operated by the Ministry of Health, the Armed Forces and the Jordanian universities came under its direct control, would soon be

In the meeting which was beld to discuss the future of NMI President of the Jordan Doctors Association Mamdouh Al Abbadi affirmed the association's keenness to improve the level of health services in Jordan. He affirmed the association's determination to unify health :=rvices and provide them to citizens all

In reference to the Cabinet's decision to refer the NMI law to the Lower House of Parliament to decide whether to keep it,

over the Kingdom.

serve doctors working at the in- meet soon to counter the situastitution nor citizens benefitting tion. from its services.

Ahhadi said NMI suffered mismanagement and it should be given the chance to redeem itself. Dr. Azmi Sharaiheh of Al Bashir Hospital said: "We are facing a new situation which creates confusion for us, since we were working in the Ministry of

Health hospitals before heing de-

legated to work at the NMI hos-

Sharaiheh called the public sector doctors to support the association's stand "to make our point of view reach the Lower House of Parliament and the public opin-

He also called members of Parliament to meet bospital doctors in Maan, Karak and other cities to hear their opinions and suggested forming a follow up committee to be headed by Ahbadi and which will represent all former Health Ministry hospitals.

Dr. Mahmoud Al Awad of Al Zarqa Hospital said the NMI law bad given a comprehensive perspective and it was a perfect law made imperfect by those who supervised its implementation.

Other doctors speaking at the ciations to gain support for keepmeeting called for unifying stands ing the NMI.

adjust it or cancel it. Ahbadi said and asking the general assembly that dissolving the NMI does not of Jordan Doctors Association to

They also asked for close cooperation with the Jordanian dentists, oharmacists and nurses associations.

They also demanded that the delegated doctors, who form about 60 per cent of the doctors working at the NMI, have a role in managing NMI in the future. They denounced the discriminating policy between them and doctors working at Al Hussein Medical Centre and the University of Jordan Hospital, which they said, operate under the umbrella .

of the NMI. At the conclusion of their meeting they decided to send . cables to His Majesty King Hussein, the prime minister, speakers of the Upper and Lower Houses of Parliament, chairman of the health committees of the two Houses and other concerned authorities.

They also decided to form a committee comprising of a doctor at each hospital to contact deputies in the Kingdom's governorates and districts to explain their perspective and gain support for preserving the NMI. The pharmactsts and the nurses asso-

# NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF

# King congratulates Greek president

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein sent a cable to the Greek President Constantine Karamanlis, congratulating him in his name and on behalf of the Jordanian people and government on his election as President of Greece. The King voiced hope that the existing cooperation and relations would be further enhanced, and that both leaderships would work together to ensure the freedom of worship in Jerusalem for followers of all faiths.

# Queen opens costumes exhibition

AMMAN (Petra) - Her Majesty Queen Noor Tuesday opened the Jordanian costumes exhibition, organised by Philadelphia Lions Club to raise funds for charitable work. The items on display at the exhibition being held at the Jordan Intercontinental, were designed by Rabab Odeh and Abla Azer, both from Jordan. The exhibition includes silver jewellery, embroderies, traditional costumes, and modern designs for traditional dresses.

# Building materials exhibition to open

AMMAN (Petra) — Under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, a five-day exhibition of construction and building materials organised by the Jordan Commercial Centres Corporation will be held Wednesday at the Amman International Exhibition. Taking part in the exhibition will be 62 companies, in addition to the Housing Corporation, the Urban Development Department, the Royal Scientific Society and the Jordan Electricity Authority.

# Zarga municipality cancels loans

AMMAN (Petra) - Zarqa municipal committee cancelled two loans worth JD 700,000, including JD 100,000 for the central vegetable market, JD 300,000 for the construction of parking lots and JD 300,000 for the construction of pavements.

# CAEU to hold meeting in Amman 💮

AMMAN (Petra) — The committee of the permanent representa-tives of Arab member states in the Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU) will hold a meeting Wednesday at CAEU general secretariat in Amman. The committee will discuss the agenda of the 53rd ordinary session for the ministerial council of CAEU which will convene in Cairo June 7. Of the most important topics on the agenda will be the secretary-general's report which deals with international economic developments, particularly efforts in Europe to establish a unified European economy and the Arab reactions to such changes represented in holding Arab economic groupings. Participants in the meeting will start arriving in Amman as of Tuesday.

# Syrian delegation visits Health Ministry

AMMAN (Petra) - A Syrian delegation of officials from the Ministry of Health's Drug Industries Department Tuesday visited the Health Ministry and the Pharmaceutial and Drug Industries Department where they were briefed on the establishment and development of drug industries in Jordan. The delegation members also met with the ministry's Secretary-general Adnan Abbas and exchanged views with him on drug industries in Jordan.

# Red Crescent officials returns

AMMAN (Petra) - President of the Standing Committee for the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, who is also president of the Jordanian National Red Crescent Society, Ahmad Abu Qoura Tuesday voiced hope that a new international organisation, other than the International Committee for the Red Cross would be established in the occupied Arab territories to force Israel to stick to the provisions of the fourth Geneva Convention on the protection of civilian population. Upon arriving in Amman from Geneva, where he chaired the meetings of the Standing Committee last Tuesday, Abu Qoura called on the United Nations Security Council and the United Nations General Assembly, and other international organisations to support the creation of an international body in the occupied territories to alleviate the sufferings of

# Arab Youth Forum to meet Friday

AMMAN (J.T.) - An exhibition of paintings and

sculptures by five young Jordanian artists opened

May 8 at the Abdal Hamid Shoman Foundation

The exhibition includes silkscreen monoprints

by Ghada Dahdaleh, sandstone sculptures by

Larissa Najjar, watercolours and collages by

Mohammad Samara (above), china inks by Rula

AMMAN (Petra) - The general assembly of the Arah Youth Forum will discuss in a meeting to be held next Friday a recommendation by the forum's board of trustees concerning the acceptance of the Jordanian Forum Humanum members as working members at the Arah Youth Forum. The assembly will also discuss authorising the board of trustees to adjust the basic system, provided that the adjustment be approved by the absolute majority of those elligible to vote ar the general assembly.

# Meeting reviews Shouneh water situation

NORTH SHOUNEH (Petra) - Water situation in North Shouneh district was the subject of discussion at a meeting held at the governorate Thesday. The meeting was chaired by Irbid governor Jawdat Al Shoul who called on director of Irbid Water Department to immediately draw up a programme for distribution of water to the various parts of the district. The meeting was attended by the district governor Khalaf Mahasneh and Nader Dheirat, member of the Lower House of Parhament for North Shouneh, in addition to the governorate's Water Department director.

# Trade centre joins world panel

AMMAN (J.T.) - Mohamamd Asfour, chairman of the founding members' committee of Amman World Trade Center Corp. declared that the World Trade Center Association's board meeting held in Marseille on April 25, 1990, approved membership of Amman International Trade Centre as regular member. The founding members of Amman World Trade Center are: Federation of Jordanian Chambers of Commerce; Amman Chamber of Industry; Jordan Commercial Centers Corporation; Jordan Industrial Estate Corporation; Jordan Trade Association; Jordan Tech-

# JUST final exams last between May 12-19

AMMAN (J.T.) - Department of Admission and Registration in the Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST) announced the final exam schedule for this semester. Exams will start on Saturday 12-May-1990 and end Saturday 19-May-1990. Students at JUST will not have any conflicts in their exams and will take at most two exams in a day. The exam schedule was prepared in the University Computer Center and distributed to the students.

# New names given to hold luxury wings

AMMAN (J.T.) - The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan abounds with tourist sites and all towns and villages are rich with archaeological treasures which attract tourists from around the world. As part of its constant promotion, campaigns to acquaint tourists with these areas, Hotel Jordan Inter-continental general management has decided to name the hotel's luxury wings after the archaeological places in the Kingdom. The following names were given to the hotel's different wings each of which has been provided with portraits of the respective archaeological sites: Third floor -Ajloun Wing and Al Azrao Wing; Fourth floor - Al Shobak Wing and Aqaba Wing; Fifth floor - Al Karak Wing; Sixth floor -Madaba Wing and Petra Wing; Seventh floor - Amman Wing; Eighth floor - Royal Wing. 

### Fertiliser producers end panel. stress need for increased sales

AMMAN (Petra) - The Arab and modern methods in planning meeting in Amman Tuesday by announcing measures to promote said Abu Khader. the sale of fertilisers produced in the Arah World to benefit farm- among Arab firms and the ex-

Shukairy an gouaches and inks hy Adnan Yahya.

The gallery opens from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday through Wednesday, and from 10:00

a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday. The show will run

The Shoman Foundation Gallery is located on

the fifth floor of the Arab Jordan Investment

ing projects.
The federation's Secretary-General Dr. Mamoun Yousef ture of spare parts for their re-Ahu Khader said in a statement at the final session that the AFCFP will immediately embark on a programme of cooperation with the Arah Organisation for Agricultural Development (AOAD) and with the Arah search centres for the sake of increasing the sale of fertilisers that would belp produce larger volumes of crops and ensure food

security for the Arah World. several working papers dealing with the production and marketing of fertilisers in Arab states day and Wednesday.

Federation of Chemical Fertilis- and managing chemical fertiliser ers Producers (AFCEP) ended a plants, which could upgrade production and increase benefits," "The questions of cooperation

change of their expertise in ferti-

liser production and the manufac-

spective machinery and equipment were discussed by the participants during the session," Abu Khader added. The next federation meeting,

he said, will be beld either in ministries of agriculture and re- Libya or Kuwait under the slogan: Research and development in the fertilisers industry. The Arah Potash Company

(APC) and the Jordan Phosphate Mines Company (JPMC) have "The participants reviewed prepared a programme for the delegations to visit the two companies in southern Jordan Tues-

# Jordan to take part in Tunis industries fair

are underway for holding the displayed at the fair. Jordanian industries fair which will be opened officially in Tunis, May 25, the Kingdom's inde-

take part the ten-day fair, accord- will include engineering and elecing to director of the Jordanian trical appliances, food supplies, Trade Centre in Tunis Bashar clothes, leather, chemical and

This year's fair, he said, is

distinguished for diversity of commodities which represent the various industrial sectors in Jor-About 120 Jordanian firms will dan. He said the items on display

# Khasawneh. He said commod- traditional industries. WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

# **EXHIBITIONS**

\* Art exhibition by Houria Al Iraqi at the Royal Cultural Centre.

\* Exhibition of Jordanian national heritage at the American International Community College.

\* Exhibition of traditional industries and handicrafts displaying rogs, knit-wear, traditional costumes and brass works at Mariaha Reginosse.

\* Exhibition of paintings by five Jordanian artists at Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation.

# CONCERT

\* 'Ud (Arab lute) recital by Adel Salameh at the British Council 7:00 p.m. (entrance free).

# DIALOGUE

☆ Open dislogue with Moroccan writer Jari Mohammad at the Royal Cultural Centre - 6:00 p.m.

# **Heart Day race postponed**

AMMAN (Petra) - The Heart Day Race, which was scheduled to be held Friday under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Noor, was postponed until June, according to organising committee sources. The sources attributed the postponement decision to another event which will be held on the same day. Friday May 11 MAP (Medical Aid for Palestinians) march will kick off Friday morning.

# 'Agaba incident most serious'

(Continued from page 1)

Israel Television reported Monday that an Israeli navy boat came within 100 metres of the yacht and members of the crew took pictures of the Monarch.

It said the Israeli patrol boat also fired its two 20-millimetre guns as part of a "weapons check" when the King's craft was one kilometre from the Israeli vessel,

Israel's military command issued a statement Friday denying media reports that the boar fired

at the royal yacht as it sailed in the international waters. It said some shots, part of a routine weapons check, were fired while the Monarch's craft was in the vicinity, and that the shots were aimed in another direction.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said last week that the U.S. amhassador to Israel, William Brown, has expressed deep concern to the Israeli government over the mat-. ter. Brown was told the Israelis have taken steps to avoid another such incident, he said.

# **Baltic republics push collision**

(Continued from page 1) a law passed by the Soviet parlia-

ment last month.

Gorhachev has repeatedly denounced Lithuania's proclamation of immediate independence from Moscow.

He has also denounced the Estonians' more measured approach and is reported to have said the same about Latvia, holding out the prospect of punitive

All three republics are prepar-Wednesday to mark the 45th anniversary of the Nazi surrender - despite official objections in both Vilnius and Tallinn, capital of Estonia.

Estonian deputies voted by 73 to 14 with two abstendons to change their republic's name to republic of Estonia from the Estonian Soviet Socialist Repub-

After deciding to restore rhe pre-war state symbols to official . use, the independent Estonian black, blue and white flag was run ing for official ceremonies up outside the parliament huild-

# lraq has 'nuclear triggers'

(Continued from page 1) patriotism. So how can an honest

and patriotic man retract from such a course?" he said.

he said.

"Anyone who says that he is independent in his country should check that with his scientific and technical development, and this applies especially to the Arabs."

United Nations inspectors said Tuesday that they had found no evidence that Iraq was diverting material from its nuclear energy programme to military use.

Official of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) inspectors had carried out routine safeguard inspections of Iraq's nuclear facilities in early April and informed Baghdad of its find-

ings last week. "Based upon the data collected between March 1989 and April 1990 the conclusion was reached that all material under safeguards

was accounted for," the IAEA. said. It said it had issued the statement at the request of Iraqi authorities.

The row over the capacitators sparked fears in Baghdad that Israel might stage a raid similar to its 1981 attack that destroyed Iraq's Osiraq nuclear reactor near the capital.

President Hussein warned that if the Israelis attacked Iraq again, he would retaliate with binary chemical weapons.

The president accused the major Western powers of having tried to prevent Iraq acquiring modern technology to improve its military potential.

Referring to the Arab confrontation with Israel, he said the struggie would be a long one.

But he added: "I tell them we are confident that the result of the battle will be victory for the Arah Nation against its enemies and the defeat of those enemies."

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# When will the Intifada wake them up?

WHILE the Arab leaders are bickering about where and when to hold their summit, the intensity of the Palestinian intifada accelerates to new dimensions. The latest Israeli curfew on more than 120,000 Palestinians in the Gaza Strip has yet to make an impact on the Arab leaders who do not seem to be sufficiently perturbed by the brutal events occurring daily in the occupied territories. Nor have the reports about the fallen Palestinians succeeded in adding a sense of urgency to the Arab deliberations about the venue and timing of an Arab summit. It is unconscionable that the Arab capitals have become so careless about what goes on around them whether in the West Bank and Gaza Strip or anywhere else for that matter. Arab history will certainly not glorify those who act indifferently to the dangers and challenges poised at the footsteps of the Arab Nation. Nor would the Arabs view the procrastination in convening an Arab summit. Had democracy been the order of the day in the Arab World such degree of Arab irresponsibility would not and could not be so rampant in our midst. Accordingly as long as the Arab people have no say in the major decisions affecting their lot and enjoy no meaningful mechanism and forum to give expression to their yearnings and aspirations, the disarray in the Arab order would continue unabated.

Baghdad is an Arab capital which is the object of Western conspiracies. It would seem natural and logical to have it host the proposed Arab summit. The fact that there is an Arab consensus in favour of holding the summit there should have encouraged the rest of the Arab countries to accommodate the wish of the majority. For how long is the veto power within the Arab ranks going to be allowed to frustrate the desires of the majority? If the Arab World cannot enjoy democracy even at the level of their heads of state, then there is no hope of ever introducing it to their

To yield to Arab majority is an act of chivalry of the first order. The Arab capital which accepts the judgement of the majority of the Arab countries on the summit idea or any other idea stands to gain the respect and appreciation of the entire Arab World from the Gulf to the ocean. There is therefore every hope and conviction that Damascus would not fail the Arab World in this matter and would choose not to appear as the stumbling block in the path of holding the urgently needed Arab summit.

# Jordan Press Editorials

Al Ra'i Arahic daily Tuesday praised Saudi Arahia for its current endeavours to convene an Arab summit meeting and to end differences among Arab leadership. Commenting on Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah Ben Abdul Aziz's current tour in the Arah states to pave the ground for the Arah summit, the paper said that the immense challenges facing the Arab Nation and the ongoing Soviet Jewish immigration into Palestine as well as the other dangers posed to the Arabs should prompt their leaders to embark on a summit without any hesitation. The summit is only one step to deal with the dangers and the common threats posed to the Arabs since they face an onslaught directed against the whole Arah order and not one country alone, the paper continued. It said that the Saudi prince's tour reflects the importance Saudi Arabia attaches to the coming summit and the reconciliation of Arab leaders before such a meeting can he convened if it is to achieve success. Inter-Arah differences, the paper said, can by no means serve the Arah national goals.

Writing in Al Ra'i. columnist Khaled Mahadin says that world Zionism is gathering Jews from around the world and forcing them to settle in occupied Palestine where their final suicide is bound to occur. The writer says that the Jews, arriving like pirates on board ships, are bound to face angry Arabs ready to fight for their survival; and thus the coming confrontation is inevitable. The Jews arriving in occupied Arah lands, says Mahadin, will not find the land they had been promised a bed of roses, nor will they find hags full of money and American cars awaiting them in their new homes which they will be stealing from their lawful owners in Palestine. Sooner or later, these newcomers will discover that they had been deceived and that they were led to a hell that would inevitably engulf them with its flames, the writer continues. He notes that over the past 42 years, the Jews in occupied Palestine found that they could not integrate nilly and that the Polish Jews, the French Jews, and the Eastern Jews and others retained their own identity. These Jews, he says will soon discover that the Arabs will not remain silent and that they will find guns and weapons with which they will drive out the pirates from the Arao

Al Dustour daily commented on King Hussein's statements Monday that there will be no change in the venue of the Arab summit meeting and that the summit was of paramount importance for the Arab Nation. The paper said that Saudi Arabia and Jordan have been spearheading efforts to bring about reconciliation among Arab leaders, paving the ground for the long delayed summit. The King made the statement in the light of his meeting with the Saudi crown prince with whom he reviewed Arab affairs and the challenges posed to the Arah order, said the paper. The paper said that Prince Abdullah Ben Abdul Aziz's visit to Jordan is bound to give further impetus to the joint Saudi-Jordanian efforts and is hound to bear fruit.

Economic Forum

# Political sense and nonsense in U.S. Mideast policies

I HAVE been writing economic columns for about seven years. in which I addressed myself strictly to economic issues. One very good reason for that was that there has been no sbortage of political columnists and the bewildering oversupply of writings in almost all fields especially poliocs. Today's column is a hreakaway from that "economic" habir, an exception thatproves the role rather than refutes it. Of course my destination is politics, and more specifically, the politics of the Palestinian question or the Mideast question if some of our foreign readers wish so. Now ponder the following remarks which to me amount to. puzziements:

— The Arab diplomacy and politicians have accorded the U.S. a prominent role on the assumption that the U.S. is the only power that can pressure Israel into peace compromises or into any other thing.

However, the evidence of history indicates that the first and last time the U.S. exercised pressure on Israel was in the aftermath of the 1965 Spez war. Worse even, Israel has ever since been the party to pressure the U.S. to do that most successfully. The record of U.S.-Israel relations indicates that it is replete with American apologies to Israel whenever the Americans hinted at the slightest possibility of pressuring the Jewish state. Normally these apologies are followed by an American hacking down and succumbing to the Israeli pressure. Unbelatedly, the Israeli viewpoint is embraced as an

- During the last forty years, Arabs have been talking about war hut actually making peace while the Israelis talked about peace and practically made wars. How come that the so-called democracies of the capitalist countries heard the Arah words all along and

ignored the Israeli deeds, all along as well? The Americans never stopped talking about solutions to the Palestinian problem. Since the early months after 1967 occupation of the Arah lands there was always something up in the air, a plan or an initiative alleged to lead to some sort of a solution. Not a single achievement was made, and after 23 years of Israeli occupation the solution is more remote. That American talk served as a powerful sedative which fooled us into endless waiting and futile patience. All along, the Israelis always insisted on whar the Arabs rejected and they rejected what we later accepted in a well-designed strategy aiming at aborting all peace efforts.

- About a year ago, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat announced that the PLO recognised U.N. Security Council Resolution 242 which meant an implicit recognition of the state of Israel. The impression of the man in Arab and Palestinian streets was that something would be given to the PLO, the Palestinians or the Arabs in return to that recognition and that "something" would be big. What happened thereafter? Shamir announced Israel would never talk, directly or indirectly, to PLO and emphasised there was no land for peace. The Americans on their part denied Arafat even an entry visa to the U.S. to address the U.N. General Assembly. If a talk, directly or indirectly, is denied, is there any sort of rational politics that assumes that Israel will give land back to the Palestinians or the Arabs (not to mention a Palestinian state)? If a visa is withheld, who has the right toexpect that the U.S. will pressure Israel into anything?! Nevertheless, the illusion of the Arabs with the American

- The final remark relates

goes on.

to the resolution of the Congress decreeing Jerusalem as the perpetual capital of Israel. That resolution comes as one that that "something" would be actions which characterise the so called American way of life and of thinking. If the domain of the Congress of the greatest capitalist democracy reaches that far, what will the situation be if the Congress decided that Peking is the capital of Taiwan? The Bush administration announced that the resolution does not commit it. Things must be that way because otherwise imagine a situation where the Congress decides that Lithuania, for example, is an American state.

To link up with our original subject,s we finish this breakaway from economics by a remark relating to the hreakthrough achieved by the IMF m Morocco. Last week news carried to us the success of the IMF in convincing Morocco to

devalue its dirham. Some months earlier, the IMF also forced another currency devaluation in Tunisia. Last year the fund was successful in forcing Egypt to devalue its pound. A little hit earlier, it tried to lure Sudan into devaluing its pound. By now, currency devaluation has become a universal standard prescription marketed by the IMF in all developing countries. Devaluation is promoted under the pretext that it gives domestic exports a price advantage to compete with foreign products. Our concluding remark is that if all or most developing countries are to devalue their currencies in pursuance of IMF recommendations, the conceived price advantage will be wiped out. What must follow is the conclusion that currency devaluation, in the final analysis, only imposes austerity on developing countries in order. to enhance their capacity to repay their external debt. Is this a biased conclusion?

By Dr. Abdalla Malki

# Missing peace opportunity will lead region to catastrophe

The following article is reprinted right to national self-determinain full from the May 6 issue of the Los Angeles Times.

### By HRH Crown Prince Hassan

AMMAN - The world's attention has focused these past few weeks on the release of hostages in Lehanon. But other than this long-playing human drama, the Middle East seems curiously pas-

The region's longstanding problems - Palestine, the occupied territories, Lebanon, the Gulf, economic development seem nowhere near equitable solutions. Serious efforts by Arabs and Israelis to get the peace process advancing meaningfully seem equally ab-

Yet there is an unprecedented opportunity for the Israelis to accommodate their neighbours and seriously tackle the festering issues that have haunted our region for generations. Jordan stands ready to seize the opportunity in a spirit of cooperation

But the opportunity for a genumely lasting peace in our region diminishes - and recedes -

An expanding, international, fundamentalist Islamie movement, influential in the politics of Muslim societies from South-East Asia westward through Afghanis-tan to Lebanon and North Africa, may become active in the intifada. Unless peace prevails, there will be a war that knows no territorial or national boundaries. It will be a war of attrition that seeks to undermine the sovereignty and territorial integrity of nation-states by dissolving them into their components.

The sole triumphant residue of this war will be fundamentalism Islamic, Christian and Jewish. The Gulf, Palestine, Lebanon these are only the flash points. The fanatical war, if unchecked and uncontained, could extend from Cairo to Islamahad and beyond. We would then witness the ethnic Lebanonisation of our

region.
Peace in the Middle East will remain elusive as long as Israel denies the existence of the principal aggrieved party in the dispute — the Palesonian people. Successive Israeli prime ministers have tried to deal with the Palestinian question through third parties. For several years Israel toyed with the "Jordanian option." Egypt seems its current

But it is neither Jordan's nor Egypt's responsibility to participate in this subterfuge. Nor should they, since it would signify their acquiescence to the denial of the Palestinians' fundamental

not, I am sure, harm your image.

well hard luck to them!

To the Editor

**LETTERS** 

The grass is always greener

I WISH to inquire about the total silence of your paper on the

basketball tournament taking plac at the Orthodox Club in

"became the latest seeded players to fall at the BMW open men's tennis tournament," hur a passing allusion to a local event, would

Please remember that Jordanians too read your paper and they

are entitled to know what is going on in town in terms of sports

and other activities. As for your foreign readers, I am sure they

wouldn't mind reading about this and other events, but if they do.

Peace presumes that the other party undergoes a comparable transformation of attitudes, values and outlook. This is not the case in the Middle East. Israel, under Yitzhak Shamir, seems intent on squandering its opportunity by refusing to accept the exchange of land for peace the only acceptable basis for a just and lasting settlement - as embodied in United Nations resolutions 242 and 338. These resolutions call for the withdrawal of foreign presences from the occupied territories, and also offer implicit recognition of Israel's sovereign existence.

Israel, meanwhile, bas been energetically attempting to frustrate its own proposal for elections in the occupied territories. Its government's objection centres on the emotive question of Palestinian representation.

With Israel continually denying the right of the Palestine Liberation Organisation to represent the Palestinian people, the real purpose of the Israeli elections becomes only too clear: to drive a wedge between the Palestinian people in the occupied territories and their acknowledged and recognised leaders in the PLO.

To lift the situation out of this current quagmire, the region requires economic and political initiatives that hold the promise of working. But everyone seems obsessed with procedural matters. The Middle East situation has become a minuet.

Jordan's leadership has always believed that for the peace process to be successful, both Israel and the PLO must offer their respective peoples practical opoons. Jordan is committed to a comprehensive, just and lasting settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict. The most appropriate vehicle for this outcome is an international conference under the auspices of the United Nations.

The resolution of the Palestine question can only be achieved in partnership, not by force of arms or hy compelling immigrants to settle on occupied land. We cannot afford to wait until the Arabs and Israelis compromise themselves to the negotiating table. They must be induced to talk -

and talk now.

The formulation of moderate policies and practical approaches, hased on an Arah consensus. has been a Jordanian national objective towards which King Hussein, has constantly worked. The ome has come for our Western friends and indeed well-wishers everywhere — to more fully recognise Jordan's continuing efforts to promote peace and stability in the Middle East.

In the belief that a drasoc jolt was needed for the peace process



become viable again, King Hussein embarked in July 1988, on a fresh course to renew Palestinian responsibility for the liberation of its own homeland by severing all administrative and legal links with the Israeli-occupied West Bank. This decision defined Palestinians as distinct from Jordanians and other Arabs, and positioned them to secure, by negotiation, their national rights.

Regrettably, Israel basn't chosen to join in the spirit of accommodation. It has chosen instead to distract attention from the issue of peace. This time it bas gathered all its resources to welcome a new wave of emigra-

This massive emigration provides a powerful case for Israeli expansionists to keep the occupied territories for settlement of new immigrants. Not only will it exact a price by threatening all peace initiatives; the economic cost to Israel is staggering. The Shamir government has asked the United States for at least \$300 million to belp pay for the settlement of Soviet newcomers in

The chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel estimates that 750,000 immigrants will arrive in . Israel during the next five to six years. Already, more than 360,000 Soviet Jews have been invited to settle in Israel; the Israeli consulate in Moscow is issuing 200 visas a day to Jewish applicants.

The numbers are truly stunning between 1980 and 1988, only 15,752 Jews arrived in Israel from the Soviet Union. But when the Soviets relaxed their emigration rules, the flood began. In the first three months of this year, more than 17,000 Soviet Jews arrived in Israel, Recently, 1,000 Jews landed in Tel Aviv in one day. This huge migration could easily change the face of the Jewish state, whose current

population is just 4.4 million. Jordan has also advocated

greater regional and interregional economic cooperation. This would promote political stability and also enhance the peace constituency in the Arah World.

Forential building blocks for this wider cooperation can be found in the Gulf Cooperation Council and the Maghreb states. The oil resources and revenues of Gulf council members continue to be major factors in the econo-

mic growth of the region.

Another huilding block is a the Arab Cooperation Council, which consists of Jordan, Egypt, Iraq and North Yemen. Our idea is to think in practical terms about such common concerns as water, energy, transportation and

telecommunications.

To safeguard against a breaktical requirements of the Palesti-Soviet Jews must be designed.

Umon, Europe and other parties region. settlements in the occupied terri- large. tories violate international law, ing their annual immigration cuted - the Palestinians. quotas for Soviet Jews.

a peace strategy that would safe- opportunity for peace?"

guard the legitimate rights of the Palestinians and the security and stability of the Arab regional order.

It is clear that the present elimete sa totora ational relation. is conducive to the convening of an international peace conference under the auspices of the U.N. Security Council. This conference would be an appropriate forum in which to deal with the problem once other methods have been exhausted. Whatever happens, relatively new group known as the world should not simply wait until the Arabs and the Israelis are ready to make suitable compromises. They must be induced

A settlement of the Palestinian question will expel the threat of war and of communal strife from the Middle East political arena. down of peace process, proposals The two superpowers would take that accommodate both the poli-, a more direct role in resolving the regional conflict, through the Unnians and the resettlement of ited Nations machinery, without fear or prejudice to their respec-The United States, the Soviet tive positions or interests in the

to the dispute, should combine Israeli expansionism will only their expertise, widsom and influ-fuel and nurture the Palestinian ence to chart a fresh course for uprising. This is much like having peace, economic development a party in a small flat, and expectand regional integration in the ing your neighbours to move Middle East. Since the Israeli when your guest list grows too

Israel's identity as a haven for the United States and Europe the oppressed and persecuted is should tie their aid for the im- reinforced by its open arms to the migration and resettlement of Soviet Jews. This allows Israel Soviet Jews in the country to once again to claim a moral high Israel's freezing all settlement ground that was disintegrating activity in the territories. They into quicksand because of the can also do much to ameliorate cynical way in which it treated this difficult situation by increas- their own oppressed and perse-

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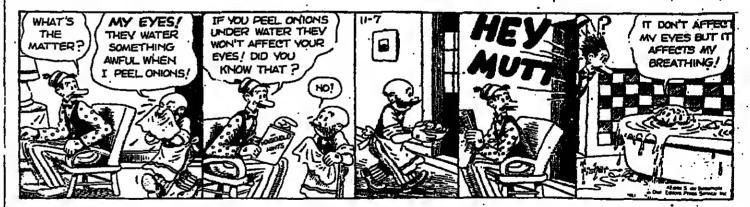
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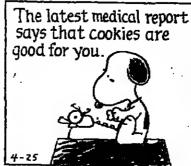
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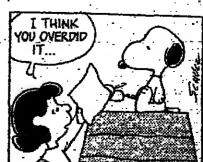
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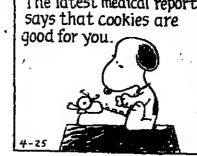
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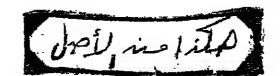


### You might believe it to be not as interesting than the news you reported in your Saturday, May 5, issue about "Aaron Krickstein of the United States and Carl-Uwe Steeb of West Germany" who









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# 'Little Queens' live on at an old French mill

That marvellous device which enables some to go shopping and others to win races" - Robert Chapatte, television

By Philippe Chevaller

THIS MUSEUM is unique in the world. It houses 200 models of astonishing bicycles in an old mill in Maule, 42 kilometres west of Paris. From room to room, one relives the history of this strange machine which an admirer, a poet no doubt, named the "little queen."

The museum presents the whole gamur of bicycles from the venerable machine from the early 19th century to the collapsible bicycles used by the army in the First World War. and including dozens of prototypes and unique home-made

The bicycle museum "Musec dy Vélocipède" is the work of an ardent collector. Gérard Buisset, a window-dresser by trade. However, contrary to what one might expect, his idea of happiness is not to be astride. a bike. He does not enjoy that at all. What fills him with delight is to discover an unusual model at the back of a shed or. in an auction.

"It came to me about thirty years ago. A client had asked me to fino an old "Big Bi". bicycle at a flea market to decorate his shopwindow with. I found the machines so beautiful. that, instead of selling it off after 1 had finished with it, as I do with other objects in my job. I kept it. That's bow my collection began," says Gerard

Buisset. To begin with, he used to store his treasures in his cellar. When it became full, he rented a garage, and then two garages, and then three and then five. They were all filled right up to the ceiting when he was finally able to make his dream come true in the 60s and buy an old mill, whose paddle-wheel still dips into the green waters of the mauldre, so as to display his

machines there.

His oldest bike is the "Draisienne." It serves as a reminder that the bicycle was born of man's desire to no longer have to rely on animal power. This wooden machine, decorated with a horse's head. was thought up by the German baron Charles De Drais. It had been presented in the Luxembourg Gardens in Paris on 5th April 1818 and had a mobile from wheel, which was a decisive improvement on the "celerifere" from the previous along the road.

century (\*). The year 1855 brought the "Michaux", Iron had replaced the wood, and, above all, the front wheel had pedals and the first brake system. "Cycling" was coming into being. Michaux, nicknamed "Papa Pedal", handed over to the Paris mechanic Sergent who invented the transmission chain (1865). Three years later, Meyer, another French mecharue, adapted the pedals, no longer on the wheel, but in the middle of the frame. That same year, a clockmaker from the centre of France, Joseph Meunier, bad the idea of the first free wheel.

All this is presented in the Maule bicycle museum. It is a heroic epic which, with the funny, the stunning, the weird, and the nusual, shows the evolu-non of the "little queen". Together with the "Big Bi" with its two-metre wheel, there is a sextuplet, which was used for training six racing-cyclists in 1895, two-seater tricycles, multieyeles with foot-pushers, handles, levers, cogwheel mechanisms, shafts, springs, and a bike carved out entirely by knife from boxwood by an Auvergne cowhand ... and it works!

One can see early boneshakers gradually turning into today's high-precision instruments, elegant and thoroughbred with their gleaming enamel, the filigree garland of their chain, the sparkling, nickel-coated spokes of their wheels, their pretrily shaped saddles, and their gracefully curved bandlebars which have replaced the rudimentary steer-

er of vesteryear. And bicycle accessories have not been forgotten either. An incongruous assembly of warning bells, bizarre bicycle pumps and archaic mirrors ... And even whips and pistols with which our grandfather cyclists drove away dogs baking in their wheels - L'Actualite, en

France.

(\*) The "célérifère," was launched in the Palais Royal in Paris in 1790. It was thought up by acertain De Sivrac and consisted of a wooden beam with small wheels at either end. The rider sat astride it and moved forward by making big strides

# **Egyptian settlers** reclaim desert

By Mercedes Sayagues

Layla Mohammad's blue-green eyes filled with tears when she first saw the village that would be her new home. The drab rows of identical, one-story cement houses, tightly packed in the middle of the empty desert; the sandy, treeless space nominally declared main sequare; and the flat, uncultivated land stretching away as far as she could see.

She had not wanted to come it was her husband's idea. As the meagre salary of a state employee in a small town in the Nile Delta could not cover the family needs, he applied for a plot of land through Egypt's desert reclamation project. The Government levels the land, provides irrigation and builds villages. Then the settlers move in and the desert moves out -- slowly.

This is no overnight miracle. It takes at least four years before a farm of five to six feddans (one feddan equals half a hectare) can support a family with subsistence food and an income. Repayment of the house and land is spread out over 30 years without interest, with a three-year grace period.

Layla first rejected the idea. 'My husband, a labourer?" she protested, "And we are to live in the desert?" She argued and pleaded, hut when her husband threatened to go by himself, Layla gave in. She packed their few belongings, prepared their two small children and in the spring of 1987 the family arrived by truck at the brand new settle-ment of Tawfik Al Hakim, in Nubariya, 50 kilometres south of Agriculture and Deputy prime Alexandria.

It was hot, dry and dusty. Layla was miserable. She wept every

says, "one day I decided I couldn't weep all my life." She became acquainted with other women in the settlement, joined the women's club, and now beips to run its daycare cetre.

The Mohammad family had "a real hard time," says Layla. The farm takes most of her husband's time, nine to 10 hours a day. She misses her family who remained in their hometown, eight hours away by bus. Would she recommend becoming a settler in the desert to her friends?

Layla pauses, then nods. "1 wouldn't lie and say it's easy." she says smiling. "I would say that now we are land owners, we have our own house, chickens, rahbits and a cow. It's a completely new way of life."

Nadia Abdul Macty, a plump 14-year-old girl helping in the daycare centre, chips into the conversation. There is a school, a health clinic and a youth club," she says, "That was unheard of in the old village."

is one solution.

Warming up to private For tens of thousands of Egyptian landless farmers, unemployed graduates and low-level Government employees, the new life in the desert brings hope of a better future. For the country, trapped between massive unemployment, an exploding population of 53 million and no remaining arable land, sertling the desert "Land reclamation is a top

Minister. In 1989 alone, the authorities expect to reclaim and cultivate 85,000 hectares in the night for two weeks. "Then", she Delta, North Sinai and in Upper



Irrigation is the key to transforming once desert

Land reclamation does not come cheap. Cement-lined canals to bring water from the Nile, pumping stanons, drainage networks stations, drainage networks, roads, electricity, potable water, sanitation - just the basic infrastructure works - average U.S\$ 790 per feddan. The villages spring up on the sandy soil - and their houses, schools, mosques, health elinics, administrative offices, shops and marketing cooperatives add up to a hefty hill. The cheap prices settlers pay mean the Government recovers only half of the land reclamation costs, over many years and without interest. Is it worth it?

"It's our only option," says Dr. Adel El-Beltagy, Under-Secret-ary for Land Reclamation at the Ministry of Agriculture. "We have to increase food production, provide jobs to ensure sociopolitical stability and spread the population outside the congested Delta. Luckily we are blessed with land to expand."

Increasingly, the Government is shifting its strategy to let the private sector bear the costs of land reclamation. "We welcome individual investors and multinational companies," Dr. Yousef wali told the WFP Journal.

In the current five-year plan to reclaim 315,000 hectares, onequarter of the land will be allocated to landless farmers and unemployed graduates at cheap rates. The rest will be sold to private investors at market prices ranging between US\$850 and US\$1.700 for half a hectare.

The World Food programme is helping in this huge, complex and expensive effort. Since 1980, the Programme has delivered food aid worth US\$48 million to help some 51,000 settlers and their families during their first three to four years. "After the farms start producing enough for consumption and sale, the settlers are on their own" says Farid Oufi, the former WFP Director of Operations in Egypt. "We don't want them to become dependent on food aid."

The beneficiaries are given wheat, canned meat, cheese or fish, vegetable oil, and sugar and tea. The Government contributes 25 per cent of the local value of the food to a fund which is used to finance comunity development activities: village cooperatives, animal busbandry, training for women and improved housing. Since a rural family spends up to 65 percent of its income on food, the savings are considerable.

"In the past, WFP was the only. international agency helping us. says Dr. El-Beltagey. "Bilateral donors shied away during Nasser's time. There was little help for that model of development in Africa and Latin America. But WFP has always been at the beart of our land reclamation pro-

# Little fertile land

Egypt desperately needs to increase its food production. In the 1970s, the country exported agricultural produce. Today, it imports US\$4,000 million worth of food every year - about 40 percent of its total imports.

The agricultural sector has not kept page with population growth: 1,3 million babies are

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This village girl, riding by fields of crops that have grown on what was desert land, will have



A settler family work together to harvest their first crop of water melons born every year, adding to moves precious topsoil. Instead the walls of his one-room house.

tion. The population density, of cocrete. kilo meter in the narrow strips of fertile land along the River Nile, is one of the highest in the world - teeming millions cluster in the sprawling slums of Cairo and Alexandria and in the continuous string of villages stretching between major cities.

Seen from the air or on coloured map, Egypt pivots around a winding green ribbon — the Nile — thin as it enters from Sudan, bloated at the Aswan Dam, hranching out as it reaches the Mediterranean. To the left and right, vast expanses of wavy, yellow desert.

Less than 10 per cent of the land is fertile and even this small portion shrinks every year, lost to urban encroachment. To halt this trend, the Government uses drastie measures, sending in bulldozers when unauthorized urban development eats up good agricultural land. It bas also banned brickmaking with the famous Egyption red clay because it re-

Egypt's already crowded situa- industries and builders must use sparsely furnished and neatly

Egypt will create it. Six million hectares of desert are waiting to be developed. In the last 10 years, 1.6 million hectares have been reclaimed against losses not exceeding 300,000 hectares. So far the authorities sound optimistic: the projects work well, the people are enthusiastic. More than 100,000 hopeful applicants showed up for 5,000 openings recently. Many are the children of former settlers who have seen their parents succeed. For the small percentage of applicants who are accepted after careful screening and personal inter-

views, the challege begins. Mr. El Husseiny, a former lowlevel Government employee earning 120 Egyptian pounds a month, arrived at Village 11 in 1987. He grows corn, tomatoes and watermelous on his farm, and has chickens, vegetables and hlooming white and purple flowers in his well-tended garden. Paper cutouts of flowers decorate

kept. He says he learned to live women neighbours to cook from women neighbours and to farm with the extension workers. "The hardest part is the lack of cash and getting acquainted with the area," he says.

Three blocks down the street lives Hanaa Abdul Wahabe, 24. In the garden, under the cool shade of fruit trees, she keeps chickens, rahbits and pigeons, her main sources of income.

Ms. Wahabe and Mr. El Husseiny are both active in the community development association that plans to heautify the village by planting trees and improving eleanliness. "Please return next year and you will see how pretty it will look," they tell a visitor. "You should come sooner for the party," says a neighbour, pointedly, while the two grin shyly. It turns out that they plan to get married at the end of 1989. For the settlers, developing the desert opens a whole new way of life....WFP Journal

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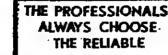
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# S. Arabia, Algeria hail OPEC accord

# Migeria announces big oil output cut

announced Tuesday a big cut in its oil output in line with moves by other Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) states to support prices, which have fallen by uo to 25 per cent this year.

The amount that Nigeria was supposed to be making in excess of its quota was 140,000 barrels oer day (bpd). This is the amount by which we intend to cut down." Oil Minister Jibril Aminu said.

The 13 members of OPEC decided at an emergency meeting in Geneva last week to cut output by 1.445 million bpd to try and moo up an oil surplus seen as responsible for the a sharp fall in

Nigeria's output was estimated at 1.75 million bpd in April against an allocated quota of

With total group output 1.5 to two million bpd above its 22 million bpd ceiling, set last November, prices for the actively traded brent oil crashed below \$16 a barrel last month from as high as \$20 in January.

OPEC's target price for a basket of its crudes is \$18.

Aminu said prices had failed to recover since the meeting because of manipulation by speculators, analysts and traders who suggested that OPEC would not

be able to stick to its accord. Statements from member governments since the meeting showed their commitment to significant cuts which would be closely monitored, he said.

going for the meeting, had already given orders that production be cut down in order to reflect our quota more accurately." Aminu said.

Industry sources confirmed receiving instructions to make cuts implying a total reduction of at least 100,000 bpd from April production levels.

Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter. Monday welcomed the OPEC's agreement and said it was an essential factor to save oil prices from collapse. A statement issued by the Saudi cabinet after a meeting chaired by King Fahd said it was "deeply satisfied with the success-

ful results reached Thursday. OPEC pledged to voluntary cut output by about six per cent to around 22 million bpd for the May-July period to boost oil

"These results are a good positive step on the right path to stop the deterioration in the petroleum market during the past period," said the statement, carried by the Saudi Press Agency

SPA, received in Cyprus, said the agreement should be "a basic factor to save the situation and restore stability to the petroleum

The statement, bowever, urged all member states to adhere to the new levels of production as agreed "by all" in the resolution. Saudi Arabiam Oil Minister Hisham Nazer told Reuters Fri-

"We in Nigeria. even before companies to immediately cut output, saying the kingdom will not produce a single barrel above its OPEC quota of 5.38 million.

He also said be had no reason to believe that other producers will not keep their pledges to do

The agreement, reached after three days of intensive consultations, would shave 1.445 million barrels off an estimated OPEC overall production of 23.5 million bpd to prop up prices which bave plunged about 25 per cent since

But the authoritative Middle East Economic Survey (MEES) said Monday that it appeared "reasonably solid" that the real output cut would be in the range of between 800,000 and a million

"The rest lies in a grey area which does not inspire a great deal of confidence," the Nicosiabased Newsletter said.

MEES said that while it be lieved Saudi 'Arabia's declared return to the quota, "question marks" still bovered on the degree of compliance by Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates.

Algeria, which currently pres-ides over OPEC, also Geneva accord and an oil official predicted they would soon boost

It also instructed its state hydrocarbons group Sonatrach to cut output immediately by 20,000 bpd to 760,000 bpd in line with day he had instructed operating the cut agreed last Thursday.

# IMF seals \$60b deal for East Europe, Third World

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — The International Monetary Fund (IMF) Tuesday put its seal of approval on a \$60-billion deal to belp ont the fledgling democracies of Eastern Europe and the needy of the Third World.

In a communique issued after marathon talks, the IMF said it had won the support of its 152 member states to increase its capital base by 50

Both rich and poor nations made compromises in reaching the pact, that came after two years of stop-start and sometimes bitter negotiations. Industrial nations cleared the way for the

accord Sunday by setting aside their internal squabbles over their voting power at the fund. The new shape of the fund for the 1990s sees the United States remaining in the top spot, but with Japan moving up from fifth place to joint second with West Gernany in recognition of Tokyo's growing economic might.

While the negotiations have been complex and sometimes numbingly technical, their resolution will provide the IMF with financing to deal with the festering \$1.3-trillion debt crisis and the emergence of Eastern Europe as a market-based economy over the next few years.

At the insistence of the United States, the IMFs interim committee linked the increase in member nations' capital contributions, called quotas, with a plan to pressure 11 poor countries that are \$4 billion behind on their loan payments. Debtor countries had opposed the link, but U.S. officials believed it was crucial to getting

approval for the quota increase from Congress, where many members are sceptical of foreign aid. In exchange for the link, the United States agreed to begin consideration of a quota hike in 1993, two years earlier than it sought originally.

"Despite reservations that a number of members had on certain individual elements of the package, we recognise this was a consensus...everybody had to give in order to achieve a compromise," said Canadian Finance Minister Michael H. Wilson, chairman of the 22-member interim committee.

The quota change, which must be approved before the end of 1991 by nations representing 85 per cent of the fund's voting power, will raise the fund's resources to \$180 billion from the current "What you see... is a package with features

that are designed to strengthen the role of the International Monetary Fund as the central pillar of the international financial system," Wilson

The panel reached agreement on the package Monday night after debating it most of the day in private sessions. It announced the pact in a communique released Tuesday morning.

The plan bad received an important boost Sunday with the endorsement by the group of seven major industrial inations: the United States, Japan, West Germany, Britain, France, Canada and Italy.

The plan aimed at delinguent countries employs a carrot-and-stick approach.

Delinquent countries that agree to economic reforms will be eligible for money from a special fund within the IMF, However, nations in arrears could lose their voting rights. Also, the agency could sell three million ounces of gold, roughly equivalent to the members' original contributions, to meet the obligations of defaulting

The 11 nations in arrears are Sudan, Zambia, Peru, Costa Rica, Honduras, Guyana, Somalia, Sierra Leone, Cambodia, Vietnam and Panama.

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ber 21) Business experts as well as members of your own clan are the right persons to get to give you support in an undertaking of importance to you. SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) If you can locate up to date ways to expand your own interests you will also able to in-clude some usual companions who

can bring you an even greater CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Toming up your prop-erty and possessions not only makes them more valuable but also

gives you more pleasure and com-fort around your dwelling. AOUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) You have some progressive

plans now how to best put your special aptitudes before others so don't put off but do so right away and gain. PISCES: (February 20 to March 20)

This is an unusually good time for you to have a conference with family members about what you can do to make the future of you all more happy, productive. Today's child: If your child were born today she or he commands an unusually magnetic personality that is immediately acceptable by most individuals who will want to bask in their company and give this child almost anything they want as a result of this personal attraction. How this child uses these remarkable attributes and qualities will depend on the early help they

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# Bush must decide on

tion," (MFN) trading status for

whether to ask congress to revoke MFN for China, a move officials say will wreak havoc in bilateral trade worth around \$18 billion a year. Under MFN, nations can export to the United States at

Officials say Bush has so far given no indication of which way e is leaning. Last week, the president said he was disappointed at Peking's record on

And yet, preserving a relationship with the People's Republic of China in the broad global, context is important. So I have no apologies. I have no feeling that I

statement to mean that Bush intended to defy congressional and public opinion by retaining MFN, in which case be can expect. a tough, politically damaging battle in the runup to congressional elections this fall.

"This remarks were so mild it's hard to imagine he does not

probably holding back on a decision to see what happens at the beginning of June in China," said Paul Kreisberg, an analyst with the Carnegie Endowment for In-

fall on the anniversary of the Tiananmen Square massacre when Chinese troops crushed a pro-democracy movement; kill-ing bundreds of unarmed civi-

high-level secret delegation led by National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft to Peking a

China a second time last December as part of his policy of maintaining ties with the government and coaxing it to end its crackdown but the sight of Scowcroft exchanging toasts with Chinese leaders set off a public outcry.

mid-January," he said. Since then, U.S.-Chinese relations have stagnated. But the MFN decision threatens to upset

Losing MFN status would devastate Chinese exports to the



United States, worth some \$12 billion last year, and most likely trigger swift retaliation .from Pek-

It would price Chinese textiles and toys out of our market and hit Hong Kong, through which most of these exports are the official

But China could also burt the United States. It was the largest single purchaser of U.S. wheat last year, buying \$1 billion in its total imports of \$6 billion.

Kreisberg said Democrats in Congress might seek to delay a showdown on the issue until the summer to embarrass Bush closer to the congressional elections.

"They feel they can't lose on this issue. A Public sentiment is running against China. Even if Bush overrides a congressional decision, he would have to browbeat Republicans to get his way and make them look bad," he

# MFN status for China

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"Overall, I'm disappointed.

tonk the wrong path," Bush said. Some analysts interpreted the

the equilibrium.

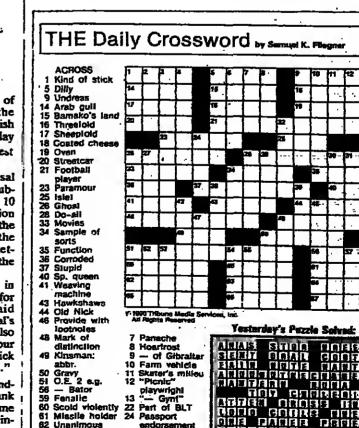
# Poles rush biggest privatisation

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# standards common in the West. The result is an **Eastern Europe faces** environment nightmare

WASHINGTON (RI - As the economies of Eastern Europe begin the process of going from Marxist to market-based, they are facing an environmental nightmare that could cost as much as \$25 billion to clean up.

Many governments and industries in Eastern

Europe have for a long time ignored anti-pollution

As it now stands, in large parts of the region, potatoes cannot be grown because the ground is so polluted that they would be unsafe to eat.

Children in parts of Poland carry cancer-causing agents in their bodies, at levels which some experts believe are the highest in the world.

In many parts of the region. birth defects are reportedly so rampant that World Bank officials find it hard to believe that their reported numbers can possibly be accurate.

The pollution is not of the sort that the developmed countries face as consumers go wastefully about the business of

day to day life. Car ownership is not widespread in Eastern Europe, and few people in Poland, Hungary, Romania, or Yugoslavia would understand the woes that accompany a "throw away" society such as the United States, where landfills are

overflowing. The region's pollution is caused mainly by its industry and in the generation of pow-

Officials bave estimated that a cleanup of Eastern Europe

billion - an astronomical expense that countries of the region have little chance of mobilising.

These countries abound with laws and regulations to control emissions and waste water discharge, but in the past they have been mainly ignored as governments attempted to cope with other economic

"You had a situation where the state was both the polluter and environmental regulator, said Thierry Baudon, a World Bank environmental official

Now this is changing as the new leadership of Eastern Europe, many with backgrounds in environmental protest, are taking over the reins

While this is basically seen as a very positive development by environmentalists, it does pose some problems that the World Bank is watching closely. Baudon, for instance, is wor-

ried that the new leadership, because of past political ties to the "green" movement, will be under pressure to bankroll bighly visible projects that are ill-conceived and expensive.

Moreover, World Bank officials believe that the governments are being pressed by outside entreprenuers to buy equipment without giving proper thought to the direction restructuring may be moving.

They note, for instance, that

ing that will be taking place, some of the most wasteful industrial operations will be closed. This situation is occupying

environmental disaster which could cost up to \$25

billion to clean up (file photo)

economie as well as environmental experts as the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank hold their spring meetings to discuss global economic conditions. Both institutions believe that

any economic restructuring of the region must include environmental cleanup and new, cleaner ways of making products, mining coal and producing energy.

The World Bank position is that countries should direct their efforts at cleaning up environmental problems that directly affect buman health.

Moreover, experts believe that without a monitoring system and institutions to make certain rules are being followed there would not be "much point in investing in anything" as one official put it.

However, the bank has been telling countries that it must concentrate on incentives rather than on setting regulations to change pollution bebaviour. "If you make it expensive to

poliute and financially attrac-

tive to clean up you get the

kind of behaviour you want

without baving to regulate it."

said one official.

# the government that carried out the Tiananmen Square massacre. Bush must decide by June 3

ECONOMIC NEWS IN BRIEF

SANAA (R) - North Yemen is studying plans to build a

billion-dollar pipeline grid to generate power in its main cities by

tapping its large gas reserves, oil industry sources said Tuesday.

They said a Dutch firm had prepared an initial feasibility study for

the project which would involve spending up to \$1.2 billion to lay

a line from central oil-producing fields to all major population

centres. The line would be 61 to 66 centimetres in diameter. Oil

and Minerals Minister Ahmad Al Muhani said Saturday the

country's gas reserves were \$.3 trillion cubic feet, compared with

TEL AVIV (R) - El Al Israel airlines reported Tuesday a net

profit of \$24.2 million for 1989, its fourth consecutive year in the

black. The profit marked a 28.7 per cent jump from El Al's 1988

earnings of \$18.8 million. Revenues rose by 7.2 per cent to 713.6

million from 665.3 million in 1988. El Al said it carried 1,741,000

passengers last year, 12 per cent more than in 1988 when tourism

to Israel fell sharply in the early months of the Palestinian uprising

in the Israeli-occupied territories. Ei Al's passengers load factor

was 75.9 per cent last year, compared to 73 per cent in 1988.

ALGIERS (R) - Algeria, increasingly keen to attract foreign

capital to shore up its ailing economy, will form a joint investment

company with the United Arab Emirates (UAE), the Algerian

news agency APS said Tuesday. APS said an accord had been reached after talks in Abu Dhabi between Algerian Economy Minister Ghazi Hedouci and his UAE counterpart Saif Al

TEL AVIV (R) - The Tel Aviv stock exchange suspended

trading in shares of oil exploration companies Tuesday after Isramco Israel Inc reported it may have struck commercial

quantities of gas at an offshore field. An exchange spokeswoman

said six companies' shares were suspended. Isramoo Israel had notified the stock exchange of the potential find and said it would

clarify the potential within a few days, the spokeswoman said.

Shares of oil-drilling firms leapt by up to eight per cent after the mass-circulation Yedioth Ahronoth newspaper published a report that Isramco Israel might have struck oil at the Yam-2 drilling site

N. Yemen considering gas grid

recoverable crude reserves of 500 million barrels.

Algeria, UAE form joint company

Israell exchange suspends trading

off the Tel Aviv coast.

El Al reports \$24.2m net profit

Bush's response was to send a month after the massacre. He despatched Scowcroft to

A State Department official

said there had been little visible payoff from the visits. "It was the president's hope that the Chinese would take enough steps to belp rebuild a base of support in the United States for a strong relationship. But nothing has happened since.

# to buy into

Company opened a public sub-scription Monday of almost 10 million shares, worth 98.5 billion zloties (\$10.5 million) — the largest privatisation since the government lannched marketoriented economic reforms at the

"We wanted to go private in order to become more reliable for onr Western elients," said Tomasz Lukasiewicz, Universal's development manager. "We also need a major increase in our capital in line with the quick development of the company."

let by BIG S.A., a small bank which earlier this year became the first state-owned financial intor, said there was huge interest

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with the rest held by 72 state enterprises. After privatisation, state companies will retain ownership of up to a third of the company while foreign investors will be allowed up to 30 per cent

#### By Alan Elsner intend retaining MFN but he's Renter WASHINGTON — U.S. President George Bush, severely criticised for bis mild treatment of China, must soon decide whether ternational Peace. Ironically, Busb's decision will to extend "most favoured na-

# Ben Salim to take part in Jordan Rally

East rally champion Mohammad Ben Salim will take part in Jordan's international rally, which will be held May 16 and 17.

Ibn Salim has won Jordan's rally three times in 1984, 1987 and 1988. However in 1989 he could not take part in the rally because the raily was cancelled

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that year.
After sustaining a defeat in Cyprus international rally as a result of mechanical faults in his Toyota Celica G.T. 4, which forced him to withdraw form the

AMMAN (I.T.) - The Middle rally; Ben Salim is determined now to keep his record in Jordan's railies.

The champion will drive a Winston Toyota car, now being equipped in Jordan, assisted by Lish national Ronan Morgan.

The car's engine has been replaced and so has the gear box.
If Ben Salim wins Jordan's rally then he will be champion of the rallies in the Middle East following his victory in the Qatar rally in February which constituted the first part of the two part rally.

minutes 59 seconds of the ninth

Perez, who stands 1.80 metres

tall, used his 20 centimetres reach

advantage effectively against his

shorter opponent and scored

throughout the fight with left jabs and rights to the 24-year-old Mar-



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Iraq beats Jordan in basketball

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Iraqi team Al Rashid Tuesday defeated bost Al Orthodox Club of Jordan 95-77 in a match played as part of the 5th Arab Basketball Championship for men and the 1st championship for ladies. Io Tuesday's other matches the Algerian Ittihad Al Binsa Club defeated Al Tibigh of Morocco 103-96 and Al Nabuli of Tunis beat Ghaza of Palestine 95-83. In ladies' games Algerian cinb Hussein Dai defeated The Ortho-

dox Club 63-49. Al Kazima basketball team of Kuwait Monday defeated Al Ahli team of Egypt 91-83. Al Rashid also defeated Al Ittihad team of Syria in the five-minute extension

The two teams drew in the original match time (75-75). Al Orthodox Club Monday defeated the Saudi team Ubud 93-

In Wednesday's games, the Algerian club Hussain Dai will meet Al Shurta of Iraq (ladies); Al Ahli of Jordan will play Al Mal'ab of Tunisia (ladies) while Al Kahraba' of Algeria will meet Al Tibigh of Morocco (men).



Orthodox Club player Jubran trying to basket while other players watch in Monday's match against the Saudi team Uhud.

# Australian Open struggles for money

tournaments in Sweden, Japan or the United States if it doesn't the Grand Slam.' increase prize money, tournament general manager Jim Reid said Monday.

"We are flat out meeting the current level," Reid said referring to difficulty in raising more funds. "We have to find extra money or risk losing grand slam status."

Reid was reacting to news that two of the other grand slam eveots. Wimbledon and the French Open, will hike their purses by 22 per cent. The U.S. Open is the fourth grand slam tournament.

Both Wimbledoo and the French Open both will offer \$5.75 million in 1991, compared to the \$3 million purse for the 1990 Australian Open. The Australian tournament has difficulty attracting top players because it is played three weeks after Christmas.

"We have to keep pace. We" had high hopes of catching up — and had hoped that they would not increase their prize money to the exteot of 22 per cent," Reid said. "It's very difficult to main-

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) tain (our) status. Sweden, Japan

— The Australian Open could and Florida are barking at our lose its grand slam status to tennis heels and have made no secret that they want the fourth leg of

The International Tennis Federation in London sanctions the four grand slam events.

He said the Australian tonrnament organisers were trying to agreed to a new prize money figure for 1991.

Would it match the 22 per cent increase in France and England? "We have to be looking at something around that order, Reid said.

He said the only avenues open to increae revenue were increased ticket prices and higher fees for international television

rights.

He ruled out the possibility of increased sponsorship, saving the tournament already had an agree-

ment with Ford Australia for

**Jordan Times** Tel. 667171

**Perez retains WBC** 

bantamweight title

LOS ANGELES (R) — Mexico's but the 23-year-old champion Raul Perez retained his World knocked him down again. Referee Henry Elespuru stopped the scheduled 12-round bout after the stopped third-ranked the second knockdown at two

round.

tinez's head

GOREN BRIDGE WITH OMAR SHARIF

contender Gerardo Martinez of

the United States in the last

Perez, making his fifth title defence, knocked Martinez to the

canvas with 30 seconds left in the

minth with a flurry of lefts and rights to the challenger's head. Martinez struggled to his feet,

seconds of the minth round.

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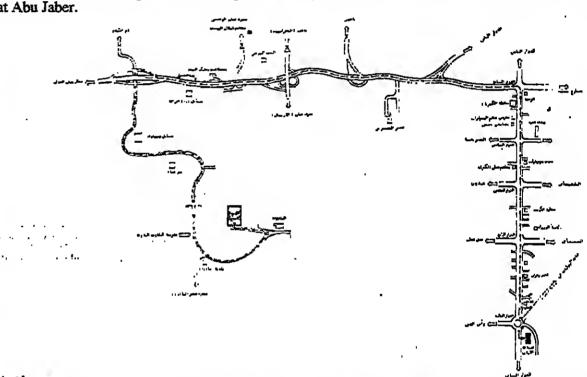
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How much should one walk

One can walk as he/she wants, but the minimum valid distance is 2 km. i.e. one should get at least the first card.

Participants with yellow cards will be provided with food and drinks free of charge along the route at every station upon the presentation of the yellow card.

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These will be available during the walk to take the participants back to the Intercontinental Hotel or Kherbat Abu Jaber. An ambulance will be on stand by in case of emergency.

The police have been notified and will be available to ensure the safety of the participants.

Media Coverage The event will be covered by T.V. Radio and the local newspapers.

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# Talks between lliescu, protesters break down

BUCHAREST (R) — Talks between Romanian President Ion Iliescu and a delegation from Bucharest's marathon street demonstration broke down shortly after they began Tuesday, members of the delegation said.

Riesco sat down with representatives of the protesters at 10.30 a.m. in the parliament building, but the delegation walked ont a few minutes later when the government side re-fused to allow the talks to be filmed.

Marian Munteanu, president of the Students' League, one of the four anti-government groups in the delegation, immediately returned to the demonstration in Bucharest's University Square to relay news of the breakdown to a crowd of about 2,000 people.

The street demonstration has been a source of acute embarrassment for the government in the run-up to Romania's first free elections in more than 50 years and Iliescu had been seeking talks with protest leaders for several

Munteanu said the talks could not bave gone ahead without the presence of video cameras because the demonstrators engaged in the non-stop protest deserved to see evidence of what had trans-

MANILA (R) — Twenty-one

army rebels cheered defiantly

when they went on trial Tuesday

in the first court martial of offic-

ers linked to December's bloody

military attempt to overthrow

Philippine President Corazon

Defence lawyers immediately

blocked the arraignment of the

two generals and 19 other officers

by challenging the authority of

toe seven-member military court

to try the group on mutiny and

When the military prosecutor

suggested postporing the trial nn-

Aquino.

murder charges.

"Out of respect for your struggle we bad to leave the huilding," be said.

A spokesman for Thescu later told reporters that the presence of cameras was not necessary because arrangements bad been made to take shorthand notes of the proceedings.

The final text of the talks would have been given to both sides for signatures if they could agree on conditions for the talks.

The protest delegation bad carried several specific demands into the talks with Iliescu, a former ed by Dictator Nicolae Ceausescu 15 years ago.

Since one of the demands was to ban former Communist officials from holding public office, it had been thought unlikely that the talks stood much chance of

their demands had been met.

necessary for the demonstration members.

til legal issues raised by the de-

fence were resolved, several de-

fendants shonted "yes" and

The rebels also cheered when

One rebel officer raised clen-

ched fists when his name was

called out to confirm his presence

Defence lawyer Oliver Lozano

walked out in protest against the

exclusion of journalists and the

defendants' relatives from the

heavily guarded courtroom,

court President General Demet-

rio Camua opened the session

with a slam of the gavel.

broke into applause.

in the court-room.

**WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF** 

KINSHASA (R) — Sixty people died in a cave-in at a tin mine in

the Kivu region of northeastern Zaire, national radio has said.

Twenty bodies were recovered but 40 remained buried in a pit 20

metres deep at the mine near the border with Rwanda. The mine,

not far from the town of Maniema, was operated by the mining

company of Kivu (Sominki), which appealed for help to recover

MOSCOW (R) - The commander-in-chief of the Warsaw Pact

said Monday that the Soviet Unin lost at least 27 million people in

World War II, seven million more than what for years was the

official death toll. General Pyotr Lushev, who is also a first

deputy defence minister, said in an inteview with the TASS news

agency: "In 1946, Stalin said seven million Soviet citizens died

...Khrushchev made public data listing losses at 20 million." He

added: "Today, after serious analysis, we know that the Soviet

Union lost 27-28 million people during the war." These included

more than eight million who had been killed in combat or did not

return from captivity, Lushev said. He said former Soviet leader

Nikita Khrushchev's estimate of 20 million dead was based on

"questionable estimates." "For years, the true scope of the Soviet

Union's losses was concealed or distorted." Lushev said in comments apparently timed to concide with celebrations marking

Wednesday's 45th anniversary of the defeat of Nazi Germany.

ATHENS (R) — Greece's new conservative government

reopened talks with the United States on the future of American

bases, government spokesman Byron Polydoras said. The four

U.S. Air Force and Navy bases were threatened with closure by

November after the former Socialist government suspended talks last May. The United States said in January two bases —

Hellenikon Air Force Base, which shares Athens International

Airport, and Nea Makri Naval Communications Base east of

Athens - would be closed to cut costs. This leaves two bases on

the island of Crete - Souda Bay Naval Station and Iraklion Air

Force Base — and some smaller installations across Greece to be

negotiated. Polydoras said the next talks would be in Washington

U.S. to destroy remaining smallpox virus

GENEVA (R) — The United States said Tuesday it would

destroy its remaining stocks of live smallpox virus and urged the

Soviet Union to do the same. U.S. Health Secretry Louis Sullivan

told an annual meeting of the World Health Organisation (WHO)

there was no reason to keep samples of the virus — retained so far for scientific reasons — now the disease had been eradicated.

Sullivan said eradication of small pox, an ancient scourge that has

killed and scarred millions through the centuries, had been a

major triumph for international medical cooperation. The WHO

launched a major campaign against smallpox in 1959. It ended in

Talks on U.S. bases in Greece resume

'27 million Soviets died in world war'

60 die in Zaire tin mine collapse

principles of democracy. Nothing can stop the fight for truth and freedom.

The crowd repeatedly chanted "down with Communism."

The demonstration began on April 22 and has blocked one of Bucharest's main thoroughfares to all but emergency traffic services

In another development, the National Liberal Party said its presidential candidate, Radu Campeann, had cancelled campaign stops in Moldavia, northeastern Romania, after being attacked Saturday by alleged supporters of the National Salvation Front in Braila, 300 kilometres

northeast of Bucharest. Campeann's face was cut in the attack, said Liberal Party officials, adding that he was con-Communist official who was sack- sidering canceling rallies in the central city of Brasov and in Timisoara, about 300 kilometres west of Bucharest, out of concern for his safety.

Both Campeanu and Ion Ratiu, candidate of the National Peasants' Party, have recently threatened to boycott the elections unless political violence Munteanu urged demonstra- perpetrated by alleged front suptors to remain in the square until portes abated. Ratiu and his wife also have claimed to have been To loud applause he said: "It is, the target of assaults by front

"to save the republic."

most serious army coup attempt

against Aquino. One bundred

and thirteen people died and 600

were wounded in the rebellion.

main coup plotters, led by re-

Hundreds of other soldiers are

bombing and sabotage attacks in Luanda and other towns. UNITA has never acknowledged defeat at Mavinga, and Trial of rebel army officers begins

Tuesday's statement, signed by rebel Chief of Staff Arlindo Pena, Outside the courthouse, Lozasaid recent fighting drove governno solicited signatures to a leaflet ment troops from positions 10 demanding Aquino's resignation kilometres north of the base. But Angolan President Jose Eduardo Dos Santos said last The 21 defendants were the first group of officers to be tried in connection with the sixth and

Angolan

claim field

LISBON (AP) - The U.S.

backed rebels in Angola claimed

Tuesday they had routed govern-

ment forces after a three-day

battle in the southeastern part of

Portuguese news media re-

ports, meanwhile, indicated fight-

ing could be closing on Luanda,

A rebel statement released in

Lisbon said 139 government sol-

diers were killed during the battle-

near Mavinga, 1,200 kilometres

The Portuguese News Agency

(LUSA) reported from Luanda

that Gen. Antonio Dos Santos

N'Dain was nominated to com-

mand the Bengo-Cuanza Front. a

sign that fighting was as close as

60 kilometres northeast of the

There was no confirmation

Government troops launched

from Angolan officials that fight-

an offensive last December

against rebel positions in Cuando

Cubango province in southeast-

ern Angola and claimed they

captured an airstrip and strategie

In turn, the rebel group,

known as UNITA, stepped up

rebel base near Mavinga.

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Angola's capital.

week government columns had advanced south of Mavinga and soon could be within artillery range of the rebel headquarters at Jamba, some 200 kilometres further south.

A Western diplomat following the Angolan conflict from Lisbon being investigated but most of the said Tuesday the UNITA claims seemed "exaggerated." The dinegade Colonel Gregorio plomat said he had no reports of a major battle in the region.

# "Gringo" Honasan, remain at Pope focuses attention on Mexico's 'ring of misery'

urround the capital and teem with more people than most Cen-

This impoverished community, where Pope John Paul II spoke of the suffering face of poverty Monday, is one of bundreds of bleak "barrios" around Mexico City where millions of people battle daily against bunger and

Fourteen miles southeast of the capital. Chalco is typical of the so-called "cinturon de Miseria" or "ring of misery" where landless peasants who stream into urban areas in hope of better lives wind up living in row after row of

more people than Panama. porters Monday spoke of the despair of trying to raise their children on the equivalent of \$100 a month, less than Mexico's legal minimum wage which is just

under \$4 a day. That despair, as the pontiff noted in his bomily here, is "written on the faces of many mothers and fathers, anguished because they lack the means to sustain and educate their children."

Pope John Paul Monday nrged Catholics not to be seduced by Protestant fundamentalist sects. inroads in Latin America in re-

the Pope said Latin American "proselytising activity of the ambiguity and confusion they sow is slowed down."

devotions to patron saints, intensified religious education and greater participation in the sacra-

"sects and groups who seek to

Latin America bas been increasingly worried by the significant advance of the fundamentalist Evangelical sects, which have been luring Catholics away in growing numbers.

year, Mexican bishops expressed concern about the growing activity of some three hundred Evangelical eburch sects who of them are based in the United

# Anti-Li Peng poster appears in Peking

Tuesday hurriedly covered up a poster on a Peking streetcorner attacking hardline Premier Li Peng and President Yang Shangkun in a brief show of political discontent, witnesses said.

They said the crudely written "big character" poster was tacked up on a public bulletin board near the Peking Normal University until police moved m and placed a seal over it.

The unsigned poster, dated May 7, praised Communist Party chief Jing Zemin, the People's Liberation Army and the Chinese people but it added: "Down with Li Peng, Yang Shangkun and the

A witness told Reuters: "There was a big crowd of people watchmg as about 10 policemen came by and covered up the poster with

cident appeared to be one of several small, isolated acts of defiance against hardline policies that have prevailed since a bloody army crackdown on a campaign for democracy last June.

On April 15, the anniversary of the death of reform Communist leader Hn Yaobang, police arrested a lone man who tried to lay a wreath with an inscription dedicated to the "heroes who died for democracy and

It was Hn's death that sparked mass protests in Peking and other major cities around the country. The first issue of an under-

ground newspaper called Steel Currents was distributed last month at Peking University, a hotbed of unrest a year ago. The premier and president protests.

Western diplomats said the in- have been closely linked with tough policies imposed since reformist Zhao Ziyang was ousted as Communist Party chief last

> Posters in big Chinese charac ters were a common tool of political protest in the past, used most effectively in the Democracy Wall campaign, a brief flower-ing of democratic ideals in 1978 and 1979.

During last year's political unrest, posters calling for political reform and attacking government and Communist Party leaders covered walls and bulletin boards of the city's major universities.

Peking has tightened security before key anniversary dates. stepping up police patrols and plainclothes surveillance to prevent any repetition of large scale

# said at a show in Milan to be bradocast on Italian television

LOS ANGELES (R) - Film star Elizabeth Taylor, who almost died in ber battle with pneumonia, is improving each day, but no date has been set for her to leave the hospital, her spokeswoman said Monday. Taylor, 58, entered St. John's Hospital over three weeks ago and doctors said for two days her life was in jeopardy. "Elizabeth is doing much better now," her spokeswoman, Chen Sam, said. She said the actress has received flowers and piles of mail from well-wishers. Taylor, who has been married seven times - twice to Richard Burton - issued a statement earlier. saying she wanted to deny what.

# 'Oli can bandits' halt traffic, then:

SAN FRANCISCO (R) - At least 10 motorists were robbed over the weekend after a gang dumped oil on a San Francisco street, then accosted the occupants of cars that spun out of control, police said. "With the oil on the streets, the tyres can't be get a grip, and the victims can't get away," a police lieutenant told the San Francisco Examiner. "They're just helpless." Police\_ called the gang, which numbered five or more men armed with clubs, the "oil can bandifs."

# U.S. company plans gaining ventures

from the casinos on an even basis with the Soviet government.

NEW YORK (AP) - Boxer Mike Tyson became a father last week when a baby boy was born to his 24-year-old girlfriend at a hospital in the upper New York state, the New York Post says. "I'm very happy to be having a family." Tyson told the Post. The newspaper report said the child was born to Natalie Fears of Los Angeles. The name of the hospital was not given. The report also says Tyson has no plans to marry Miss Fears but will buy a house in Los Angeles and support the child. Tyson brought Miss Fears from Los Angeles to the Catakilis several months ago, and she has been staying with the woman who belped raise Tyson. Camille Ewald. Tyson has not yet seen his son because he is training for a June 16 fight with Henry Tillman m Las Vegas, the newspaper said, quoting unidentified sources. The newspaper says a Los Angeles dancer, Trens Archie, 22, said in February that Tyson is the father of her infant son. Tyson has not acknowledged paternity in that case, the Post said. Both Tyson and Miss Fears are divorced.

### France, N. Zealand end dispute over Rainbow Warrior affair Both nations agreed to arbitra-tion after New Zealand accused But the panel rejected New

NEW YORK, (R) — Five years after two French spies blew up the "Rainbow Warrior" in a New Zealand harbour, a tribunal ruled that Brance had wronged New Zealand but it was time to stop the feuding.

Both governments declared the decision satisfactory, with New Zealand officials taking comfort in the public rebuke to France and France pleased that its two agents did not have to return to

captivity. The tribunal, composed of a jurist from each country and a judge from Uruguay, Monday condemned France for releasing the two before they had completed their sentences on the French atoll of Hao in the Sonth

Zealand's request that agents Major Alain Mafart and Captain Dominique Prieur, whose actions resulted in the death of a Dutch photographer, should serve their full terms and said it was time to end the affair To this end the tribunal recom-

mended that both countries set up a fund to promote "close and friendly relations" between the citizens of each nation and that France make an initial \$2 million contribution to it. The Rainbow Warrior ship, be-

longing to the Greenpeace environmental group, was blown up in July 1985 in Auckland Harbour as it was about to sail to the French island of Mururoa to protest against nuclear testing there.

France of reneging on a 1986 United Nations-brokered settlement that resulted in France paying New Zealand \$7 million and New Zealand commuting the agents' 10-year jail terms to three years on the Polynesian island of But France flew Mafart back in

December 1987 for medical treatment and Prieur followed in May 1988 because she was pregnant and ber father was dying.

The panel ruled that France was not in violation for removing Mafart to Paris but should have returned him to Hao. however, Prieur should not have been allowed to leave, it said.

President Reagan addressed the

nation and denied to the Amer-

ican public the allegation that his

#### Facts show Reagan lied — prosecutors WASHINGTON (AP) - A pro- public by denying he ever traded lishes that on Nov. 13, 1986,

secutor's remark at John Poindexter's trial that then-President Reagan fied about trading arms for U.S. hostages was fully supported by the facts, Iran-contra prosecutors said Monday.

Dan K. Webb's remark in closing arguments was defended in court papers filed by prosecutors in response to defence motions to set aside the former national security adviser's five felony convictions.

Poindexter's lawyers argued that Webb's remark to jurors that Reagan lied to the American

arms for U.S. hostages was an improper expression of personal But independent counsel Lawr-

ence E. Walsh replied that "the prosecutor's remarks were fully supported by the evidence and were relevant to the charges in this case."

"The evidence introduced at trial clearly established that" a November 1985 shipment of Hawk missiles to Iran "was intended as part of an exchange ofarms for hostages," Walsh said.
"The evidence further estab-

administration had been involved in an arms-for-hostages deal," the prosecution filing said. During his summation, Webb told jurors he would not criticise Reagan's decision to trade arms

for hostages. "You make judgements as presi-

dent and you carry them out, and maybe you're right and maybe yon're wrong," Webb said. "But you don't lie to the American public.

# Jackal: Original plan was to kidnap, try and then execute de Gaulle

MADRID (AP) - The man who thing I have to make clear is that nearly succeeded in assassinating French President Charles de Gaulle in 1962 says the original plan by a group of disgruntled him, bring him to justice before a French army officers was to kid- military court martial, and only nap, try and then execute the general for allowing Algeria to Anton Foek, the anthor of the become independent. In an inter- article. view published in the Sunday section of the daily El Pais, Georges Henri Watin, better known as "the Jackal," said he only shot at - and barely missed - de Gaulle in his presidential vehicle in the French village of Petit Clamart when the plan went awry.

The incident was first dramatised in a novel by Frederick Forsythe called the Day of the Jackal, which was later made into a film.

Watin, now a Paraguayan citizen who says he lives a handto-mouth existence, said the novelistic version of the Aug. 22, 1962, plot bears no relation to what really bappened.

"Reality is too dramatic. I. know my own story, and one

there was never a plan simply to kill 'the old man' in Petit Clamart. The plan was to kidnap him, bring him to justice before a then, execute him," Watin told

He said the plan had been to kidnap de Gaulle at sunset, but that the officers who did all the figuring had used an almanae from the previous year and got the time wrong, and the presidential cortege arrived ahead of schedule. "Suddenly I realised that the

whole plan should be scrapped immediately," Watin said. "But by then it was too late."

Watin said he and the two other hired guns shot out the rear window and the two rear tyres of de Gaulle's car. "For a moment I lonked direct-

ly at his (de Gaulle's) eyes. Our car was right alongside his, but we had calculated shooting at a pelled me, so I went first to car that was practically im-

In April 1961 four French

generals based in Algier's and belonging to the Secret Army Organisation (OAS) staged an abortive coup attempt against de Gauile's government. Shortly after the Petit Clamart

attack, de Ganlle, then 72, announced Algeria deserved to become independent, and negotiations were begun with the Algerian National Liberation Front (FLN).

On July 3, 1962, de Gaulle proclaimed Algeria independent. Watin said once the OAS realised it would be impossible to hit de Gauile, they sent him to Switzerland, where be was arrested six months later. He said the French government

immediately sent a special police unit to arrest him but that Swiss authorities decided he wasn't a political detainee so could not be turned over. "Two years later the Swiss ex-

Seville and then to South Amermobile," Watin said. "Later I ica. I am now a Paraguayan learned I bad missed him by just citizen."

#### 6 months on, Berlin Wall at mercy of tourists' hammers But on Nov. 9 last year it was behind the former Nazi Luftwaffe

months after the Berlin Wall was thrown open, large chunks of the cold war monument are gone but most of it still stands — to the delight of tourists lonking for a piece of history. "This one I will put on a shelf back home for my children in see one day," said Swedish student

Jonas Johansson, 19, one of bundreds of tourists hacking away at the barrier every day. "My children will never see the wall." East Germany began erecting the frontier around West Berlin,

which lies inside East German territory, on Aug. 13, 1961.

To keep their citizens from leaving for the West, East Ger-

man leaders added a death zone of tripwires, automatic guns, antitank barriers and 302 watchtowers to the wall, which stood 160 kilometres long and four metres

Even though some of the devices were removed in recent years, the wall still stood as a, symbol of unbending Stalinism.

opened by the East's then-Communist rulers in an effort to appease a pro-democracy revolt, which eventually ousted the Communist Party from power. East German border guards,

who once fired Kalashnikov submachine guns at their own people seeking to flee over the barrier, now routinely wave them through at about 30 crossings. Border guard Joerg Manke, 21.

chatting with a reporter through a hole in the hattered concrete, said be was working an early shift on Nov. 10 last year. Told by his superiors that the

wall was open, he said he could not believe it. Then he saw East German trabant ears sputter through the Checkpoint Charlie border crossing.
A long-held dream for many

became reality and hundreds of people danced on the wall. laughing, singing and crying. "I bappened to have a bangover that morning, but I soon cured ern side," said Manke, who bas swapped the Kalashnikov for a small pistol worn for personal

Business is brisk at a nearby museum where the history of the wall, including dramatic escapes, is on permanent display. "We have more visitors now

than before the wall was opened," museum saleswoman Karin, Nuthmann said. "We get the East Germans who never had chance to come here before. Many tourists come because the wall may not be around much longer.

East Germany's new Christian Democratie prime minister, Lothar de Maiziere, has said it will be removed. But it is a costly affair and the fledgling democracy has more pressing matters. such as working out economie details of unification with West Germany.

Attempts had been under way it with sparkling wine tossed over to preserve a section of the wall

Air Force headquarters, which stands intact on East German ground, but souvenir hunters nibbled at it so quickly that it disappeared.

All that is left is a path of sand and rocks.

"My job has become much more pleasant now," said border mound covering remnants of Hitguard Tilo Knuspe, 20, resting in a green trabant patrol car. "You can relax, talk to people," be said, squinting at the sun. Nearby, West Berliner Tino Daraske, 53, was bammering

away at the graffiti-covered concrete from a ladder, each hit echoing between the dilapidated houses on both sides of the border.

"I have been doing this since the wall was opened," said Daraske, an imempioyed welder, who sells Communist memorabihis and pieces of the wall to

A row of wooden crosses stand next to the old Reichstag parlia-ment building in West Berlin,

people who died trying to flee from the East. But the wall itself, once a backdrop, is no longer

In East Berlin, a long stretch along Potsdamer Platz bas been replaced by a simple fence. In the middle of the square, near a grass ler's bunker, workers dig deep in search of stray World War II hombs

A rock concert is plauned for

July on the spot, a hub of city life in the 1920s and 1930s but turned by the wall into a no-man's-land. To the left and right of the Brandenburg Gate -- a symbol of German unity before the war and of disunity after that until the wall was breached - officials have pulled out graffiti-covered slabs

and sold them off to the West. The gate itself is wrapped-in scaffolding, its crowning chariot removed for repairs after being damaged by revellers on New Stallone wants to go green MILAN (R) - American film actor Sylvester Stallone, star of the violent box-office hits Rambo and Rocky, wants to shake off his tough bero image and turn green. "I want Rambo to disappear unless I'm allowed to turn him into the defender of the ecological battle to save the environment. My new Rambo will be closer to greenpeace than to the CIA," he

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# rob motorists

# in Soviet Union

LAS VEGAS, Nevada (AP) - A Nevada company has signed an agreement with the Soviet goverament to operate four small casinos in Russia, a company official said. Officials hope to open the first casino along the Black Sea in less than two months, according to Sinson Furman, general manager for Uniquad. Uniquad will spend about . \$1 million to open the four casinos in existing hotels, he said. "The casinos will carry the Las Vegas name because it is known worldwide," Furman said. Glasnost and recent changes in the Eastern Bloc have made it possible to open the casinos in the Soviet Union, Furman said. The first casino will have six or eight table games and 35 to 50 slot machines. It is expected to open this summer in the Dagomys hotel in Sochi, a popular Soviet resort town on the Black Sea, Furman said. Two other casinos are planned at resorts near Moscow and another will be opened on the Black Sea. Furman said Uniquad will split the profits

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#### 1980 when the U.N. agency officially declared it dead. Two Americans arrested in Vietnam BANGKOK (AP) - A Hong Kong-based American publisher and another U.S. citizen have been arrested by Vietnamese

authorities and are being held in Ho Chi Minh City, friends said Tuesday. Official Vietnam media has made no mention of the arrests. Friends of publisher Micbael Morro, who said they bave been in touch with Vietnamese authorities, said the two Americans were being held on unspecified charges. Morrow's colleagues spoke on condition of anonymity. Friends of Morrow said he and an unidentified American were on trip to lonk into possible investments in Vietnam when they were arrested. A third person, French husinessman Terry Rodzynk, was also reportedly arrested but subsequently released and allowed to leave the country. The group was seized in the central Vietnam city of Danang and taken to Ho Chi Minh City, according to Morrow's friends. Morrow bas an association with Vietnam dating back to the war, when be started a private news service in the country. He was captured by Communist forces during the war but released after a short captivity.

#### CHALCO, Mexico (R) - A papal visit has focused attention on Mexico City's "ring of misery," the sprawling slums that who have been making significant

tral American countries.

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shacks along unpaved streets. Officials estimate that one million people live in Chalco and another three million more inhabit nearby Nezahuacoyotl, the capital's largest slum. Together, the two communities along boast

Residents who talked with re-

Speaking in the port city of Veracruz on the Gulf of Mexico. Catholics should beware the sects" and see to it that "the

He said Catholics should do this by turning to the traditional tenets of their faith - popular,

It was the Pope's second reference Monday to Protestant sects. Earlier he told residents of the slum ontside Mexico city to beware of "false shepherds" and

lure you from the true flock." The Roman Catholic Church in

At their general assembly last operate in Latin America. Many